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Soldiers, Family members take oath to become newest U.S. Citizens in Korea



"The U.S. is built on immigration.
It strengthens every aspect of America."

Kenneth J. Sherman, Citizen and Immigration
Services Field Office Director, U.S. Embassy, Seoul

Specialist Gabriela Lozano de Salinas, HHC 3-2AVN GSAB, USAG-Humphreys, and daughter Catalina, show their American spirit following the Dec. 15 naturalization ceremony. Additional photos from this event are available online at www.flickr.com/imcomkorea. — U.S. Army photo by Edward N. Johnson

By Sue Silpasornprasit
IMCOM-Korea Public Affairs

United States Forces Korea welcomed 43 new U.S. citizens to its ranks during a naturalization ceremony held at United

States Army Garrison Yongsan, Dec. 15.

Thirty-seven active-duty Servicemembers and six spouses of active-duty military members were naturalized as American citizens during the one hour ceremony.

Although this was the first time the newly-

naturalized citizens swore the Oath of Allegiance, many of the Servicemembers present had already demonstrated their patriotism while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan before becoming U.S. citizens. Staff Sgt. Francis Manalac, originally

from the Philippines, said he started the naturalization process while serving in Iraq. "This is a very special ceremony," he said. "Today is the culmination of a four-year process." Staff Sgt. Manalac now calls

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Holiday Season Safety



Gen. Walter L. Sharp

Season's Greetings to out USFK family! As we enter into the Holiday Season, we pause to reflect on the blessings of our family and friends and to look forward to the prospects of a New Year.

We must remain mindful that the holidays are a time of increased risk. Excessive consumption of alcohol, domestic violence, home and apartment fires, changing weather, and suicidal behavior all combine to make this time of year particularly hazardous. Leaders

must be there to help mitigate these risks.

It is our responsibility to prevent these hazards from turning joy to tragedy.

Through "Under the Oak Tree Counseling" leaders make the difference by helping their people incorporate risk management into their holiday activity plans. Leaders should emphasize winter driving safety, cold weather injury prevention and space heater safety. Leaders should also remind service members to use common sense at all times, look after one another, and use the "buddy System." By stressing caution, discipline, and teamwork we can have a safe, enjoyable holiday season without injuries or loss of life.

On this joyous occasion, I wish all of you a joyful and accident-free holiday season. We must take care of each other and remain ever vigilant.

WALTER L. SHARP
General, US Army
Commander

We go together!

Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders to bring holiday 'cheer' to Korea

Courtesy of IMCOM-Korea MWR

Keeping the tradition alive, the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders will be visiting troops stationed in the Republic of Korea bringing some holiday cheer. The troupe will perform six live shows as well as visit additional camps for a handshake/autograph tour from Dec. 25-31.

Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders have entertained Servicemembers throughout the ROK for 31 years. December 2008 will be the 32nd DCC visit (28th Christmas tour) and the 33rd visit by an NFL/AFL cheerleader group. In 1979, the U.S. Department of Defense requested their presence on a USO tour to Korea. Since then, the squad has gone on more USO tours than any other entertainment group.

The appearances of the DCC are in two parts: a daily full-scale stage performance at major installations, and individual handshakes/autograph sessions at smaller installations, remote sites, and units.

Often called "America's Sweethearts," the Cheerleaders recently visited troops recuperating from injuries at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center. In March 2005, the Cheerleaders treated Servicemembers in Germany, Belgium, England and Iceland to shows. Last December, the group spent their 27th Christmas with troops in Korea. They also participated on the USO's first tour to Iraq in 2003. The squad has

entertained troops stationed all over the world, including Kosovo, Germany, United Arab Emirates, Bosnia, Italy and Hungary. In 1991, the Cheerleaders were presented with the USO's 50th anniversary award, and, in 1997, the USO recognized their dedication with its most prestigious honor, the "Spirit of Hope" Award.

Best known for their trend setting dance routines during Dallas Cowboys football games an elite group of twelve Cheerleaders are featured in the DCC Show Group's fully choreographed musical variety extravaganza "America and Her Music". Each show offers audience participation, a customized selection of up to 22 elaborately costumed and carefully staged production numbers filled with singing and dancing for every taste - from Classical to Country to good ole' Rock-n-Roll.

The concert is brought to you by USO, AFE, and MWR. All performances are open to ID card holders & free of charge. For more information, please contact your local USO office or MWR Entertainment Office at DSN 723-3749.

Full schedule for performances in Korea:

Dec. 25, Osan Air Base, Theater, 3 p.m.
Dec. 26, Kunsan AB, Wolfpack Fitness Center, 7 p.m.
Dec. 27, USAG-Yongsan, Collier Field House, 4 p.m.
Dec. 29, Camp Casey, Carey Fitness Center, 7 p.m.
Dec. 30, USAG-Humphreys, Super Gym, 7 p.m.
Dec. 31, Camp Walker, Kelly Fitness Center, 5 p.m.

Yongsan Civilian 'Stalwart' Public Affairs Officer



The Installation Management Command recognized David McNally for winning the Korea Region Stalwart Award in a ceremony Dec. 10 in San Diego, Calif. The IMCOM commanding general presented the award at a formal banquet during the annual Garrison Commander's Conference. — U.S. Army courtesy photo

MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not imply guilt or innocence.

AREA I: Simple Assault; Victim and an unknown person were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical when the unknown person struck the victim in the face with a closed fist at an off-post club in Uijeongbu. The victim sustained minor injuries and was transported to the USAG-Stanley TMC where he was treated and released. At 1600 Hrs, 13 DEC 08, the victim reported to the USAG-Red Cloud PMO where he rendered a written sworn statement attesting to the incident. Investigation continues by MPI.

AREA II: Traffic Violation (Driving with Expired License); Traffic Violations (Illegal Use of Cell Phone while Driving); Subject was observed by MP using her cell phone without a hand-free device. Subject was stopped by MP and surrendered her ID card, driver's license, proof of insurance and registration. Upon review of subject's information, it was observed that she was driving with an expired license. Subject was escorted to the USAG-Yongsan PMO where she was advised of her legal rights, which she invoked. Subject was issued two 1408's. Subject was processed and released to her unit. This is a final report.

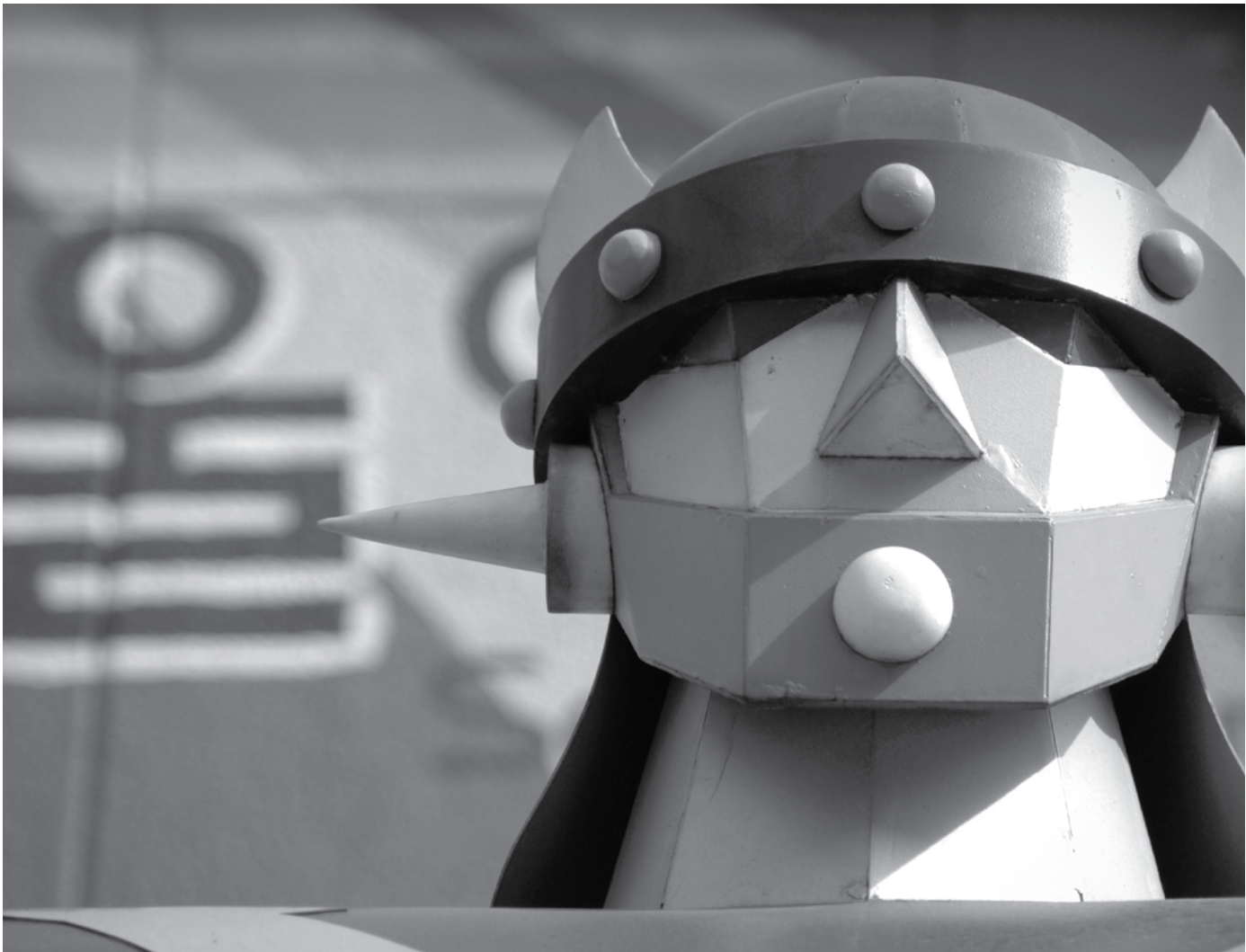
AREA II: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol; Subject, operating a POV, was stopped by KNP at a KNP Safety Checkpoint in the Namdaemoon area, where KNP detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from subject's person. Subject was administered a PBT, with a result of 0.054% BAC. Subject was transported to the Namdaemoon KNP Station Foreign Affairs Office where he was charged by KNP under KRTL ART #44-1 (Driving Under the Influence). Subject was released into MP Custody on a CJ Form 2 and was transported to the USAG-Yongsan PMO where he was released to his unit. At 1215 Hrs, 12 DEC 08, Subject reported to the USAG-Yongsan PMO where he was advised of his legal rights, which he waived, rendering a written statement admitting to the offense. Subject's USFK driver's license was confiscated. This is a final report.

AREA III: T/A/W; D/P; Inattentive Driving; Subject, operating a POV, struck victim's POV which was stopped at a four-way intersection adjacent to Freedom Chapel. The victim sustained injuries consisting of pain to her lower back, left leg and left foot and was transported by ambulance to the USAG-Humphreys UCC where she was treated and released. Subject sustained no visible injuries. Damages to subject's vehicle consisted of dents, scratches and paint transfer to the front bumper. Damages to the victim's vehicle consisted of cracks, dents, scratches and paint transfer to the rear bumper. Subject was escorted to the USAG-Humphreys PMO where he was issued a DD Form 1408 for inattentive driving. Subject was processed and released on his own recognizance. At 1300 Hrs, 12 DEC 08, victim reported to the USAG-Humphreys PMO where she rendered a written statement attesting to the incident. All parties reported utilization of their seatbelts. ECOD is unknown. This is a final report.

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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS: Off-post events and activities

Teddy Bear Museum
The Teddy Bear Museum, which exhibits numerous adorable teddy bears, has opened in N Seoul Tower at Mt. Namsan. This is the third such museum after those located in Jeju and Paju Heyri. The museum in N Seoul Tower displays teddy bears representing the past, present, and future of Seoul. There is a history gallery and a special gallery where a teddy bear is dressed as a king of Joseon Dynasty (1392~1910). Hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and admission fees are 8,000 won for adults, 6,000 won for teenagers, and 5,000 won for children. A ticket package combining the museum and N Seoul Tower Observatory is also offered. Visit www.tour2korea.com for more information.

Outdoor Skating
The Seoul Plaza Outdoor Skating Rink in front of Seoul City Hall is now open. The Seoul Plaza Outdoor Skating Rink will be open until Feb. 15. Rates are 1,000 won.

Rembrandt Exhibit
Seoul Arts Center Hangaram Art Museum Along with the great manipulator of light and shadow, Rembrandt (1606-1669), world-renown European artists from the 17th and 18th century such as Rubens, Van Dyck, will be shown at one location. The Great Masters of European Art: Meeting Rembrandt exhibit is scheduled to continue through Feb. 26, 2009, displaying more than 100 art pieces from the Russian State Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts permanent collection. General admission tickets are 12,000 won for adults and 9,000 won for teenagers. For more information, visit www.tour2korea.com

Jisan Forest Resort
Jisan Forest Resort is located in Icheon city, Gyeonggi-do province, near the Incheon Airport. All slopes are available for snow-boarders, and the moving staircases will help children and beginners move more easily. In addition, the 6-seat chair lift is equipped with a heating system. Although the slopes are not that big, this resort is loved by many people because of its convenient facilities and close proximity to Seoul. Jisan Resort does not suffer from overcrowding, and so visitors here can enjoy skiing without experiencing long waits at the lifts. Facilities at Jisan Resort are very reasonably priced. In terms of accommodation facilities, condos range from 85,000won to 195,000won (condo prices differ by the weekend, the weekday and the season), and restaurants and supermarkets are also available. Jisan Resort also operates a free shuttle bus from Seoul. Also available are a Snow park for kids, playground for infants, ski shop, campsite, cycling course, basketball court, soccer field, putting course, and golf practice range. Visit www.jisanresort.co.kr or www.tour2korea.com

Glass Castle (Jeju)
The newly-opened Jeju Glass Castle displays all types of glass artwork, the production process, and the history of the world's glass arts. This glass art theme park is the first of its kind in Korea, and offers a glass arts exhibition that has more than 250 glass works from around the world on display, along with a garden, a labyrinth, and walls that have been entirely made out of glass. Visitors can see a glass tree, glass flowers, and glass lake. The theme park also presents pieces by internationally-famed glass artists including the Czech Republic's "Bohemia Glass" and Italy's "Venezia Glass". The park contains the world's first all-glass labyrinth, the world's largest glass ball, and a large glass diamond. Visitors can

make and take home glass jewels, balloons, and bottles. Exhibition hours are from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., year-round. Call +82-64-1330 (English, Japanese, Chinese) or visit www.tour2korea.com for information.

Performance by top Korean artists
Myeongin Myeongchang performances are staged every evening at 7p.m. at the Korean House in Junggu, Seoul. They are the only performances in Korea featuring top Korean artists designated as Important Intangible Assets of Korea. The show starts with a Bongsan Mask Dance, followed by traditional music and Pansori, and drum dance. Korea House is planning to invite all of the nation's Important Intangible Assets to stage a performance every year. Korea House also offers hands-on traditional culture programs and operates a Korean restaurant serving traditional royal cuisine. To get there, simply take subway line 3 or 4 and get off at Chungmuro Station. Take exit 3 or 4, walk up the hill to the left for about 5 minutes, and you will find Korea House in a hanok building. For more information, visit www.koreahouse.or.kr or www.tour2korea.com

Light Fest (Boseong)
This winter a magnificent festival of lights will take place in the green tea fields of Boseong, one of Korea's most well-known tourist destinations. A large tree will be decorated with lights as well as the surrounding area. Boseong, the green tea capital, will present the nation's largest green tea field tree, which will strike a beautiful image of Boseong into the hearts of all its winter guests. For information, visit www.tour2korea.com or www.boseong.go.kr/en/ (English)



USFK Servicemembers and spouses proudly display their U.S. citizenship documents following a Yongsan Garrison naturalization ceremony, Dec. 15. Additional photos from this event are available online at www.flickr.com/imcomkorea. — U.S. Army photo by Edward N. Johnson

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Chicago home.

“All are being naturalized because of their service,” said Kenneth J. Sherman, Citizen and Immigration Services Field Office Director, U.S. Embassy, Seoul. “They are from 20 countries, on five continents with one thing in common—their service and sacrifice. There are people in this audience who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan—willing to give the ultimate sacrifice.”

Sherman also noted that it is not only the Soldiers and Sailors who sacrifice and endure, but military families as well. That is the reasoning behind a new program allowing spouses of active-duty military members to become naturalized while living overseas, he said. On Jan. 28, 2008, President George W. Bush signed a bill, which was passed by Congress, permitting spouses stationed with their sponsor overseas to pursue naturalization.

The candidates hailed from United Kingdom, India, Jamaica, Ghana and other

nations from throughout the world. “This is not just a list of countries,” Sherman explained. “It’s the history and the future of the United States. The U.S. is built on immigration — it strengthens every aspect of America, from our economy to our culture, to expanding our freedoms.”

“All my life all I’ve known is America,” said Private 1st Class Phinnara Pai, 2nd Infantry Division. “Why not become an American citizen?” Pai said he was once a child refugee from Cambodia.

“Many here today appreciate America, our freedoms, our Constitution, in a way people born there perhaps do not,” said Sherman. Private 2nd Class Tanya Erica Gorham, originally from Barbados, expressed similar sentiments about taking the “rough path” to American citizenship. “I’m glad I can go about achieving it this way to appreciate it more,” she said. “I want to instill in my son that it is a privilege to be born in a country so free.”

Soldier’s AAFES jingle to play worldwide



Staff Sgt. Craig Rader poses with the \$500 Army Air Force Exchange Services check presented by Yongsan General Manager Gloria Cho. Rader was the winner of the AAFES Rap and Jingle Contest. Twelve winners were chosen worldwide. The winning jingles will be heard at AAFES locations around the world. Rader was the only winner in the Pacific region. View this photo at www.flickr.com/imcomkorea. The complete list of all winners for the AAFES contest can be found at www.aafes.com/Patriot_Family/rapjingle.asp — U.S. Army photo

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Yi, Che Sil, finalist for the IMCOM-K region Army's Stalwart Award coordinates and writes the Korean version of the DOL newsletter in her office on USAG-Red Cloud Dec. 15. To download a high resolution version of this or other photos from the Morning Calm, visit our online image archive at www.flickr.com/imcomkorea— U.S. Army photo by Jim Cunningham

DOL employee finalist for IMCOM Stalwart award

By Jim Cunningham
USAG-RC Public Affairs

RED CLOUD GARRISON — Directorate of Logistics employee Yi, Che Sil was a finalist for the Installation Management Command-Korea Region Army's Stalwart Award. She received a certificate during the commander's conference held in San Diego Dec. 8 through 12. Aside from her initiations to ensure 100 percent employee participation in delivering the DOL mission and goals, and ensuring their readiness, she gave more of herself to help those in need in the community.

"Yi is an outstanding employee who takes on many challenges outside her work area," said Louverture Scott, director, USAG-RC Directorate of Logistics. "We like to reward those who take on additional work, as well as, additional duties."

Yi pointed out two organizations, where she volunteered her time for more

then six years, to DOL employees who wanted to provide volunteer support in the community. The first organization was the Isaac House home for orphans; the second was the Naruter Disabled Home.

Yi determined their needs by contacting them and making arrangements for DOL employees to visit and give donations.

"I volunteer four hours a month to the Isaac House and the Naruter Home," Yi said.

"Many people support orphanages, but the disabled have more needs."

"The main factor in Yi's award is her work with the DOL outreach program," Scott said

"We adopted the Naruter Home with her guidance, and we maintain support with them throughout the year.

They are severely both physically and mentally disabled and cannot function in the workplace. This is the reason they are placed in special home. Recently we gave

them more than 3 million won."

Yi's usual duties include being the assistant transportation specialist. Also she works in plans and operations, explained Scott.

She worked with the DOL customer feedback program, which is a program where customers of DOL can make a complaint or a suggestion. When it is reviewed, action can be taken to correct a problem or enhance the performance of the organization. After the action is taken, the customer is notified of the results.

Yi single handedly coordinated funding and installed 40 feedback boxes in five locations assigned to DOL.

She established a database to collect comments and created a system to sufficiently track and respond to customer questions and concerns.

"Every complaint or suggestion we receive goes through this process," Scott said. "Yi has been the backbone of this program.

This program also was recognized by our Organizational Inspection Program and became the model for other organizations to use."

Yi was selected by her peers to chair the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Quarter selection boards, and elected as the chief reviewer for incoming incentive honorary and monetary award nominations.

Furthermore, Yi created the first DOL newsletter in Hangul, Scott explained.

"Our staff is 85 percent Korean nationals, She felt it was important for us to communicate with them in Korean," Scott said. "She edits the newsletter and pulls it together for the Korean staff."

Yi indicated she is surprised and grateful to receive a certificate.

"The Stalwart award is the biggest award in the Army," she said. "This award is given to those employees that achieve their highest goals in the workplace."

Korean leaders and Red Cloud directors bowl for Good Neighbor Program

Twenty Republic of Korea GyeongGi-Do provincial leaders invited 20 USAG-Red Cloud directors and special staff to bowl two games Dec. 10 at the USAG-Red Cloud bowling alley as part of the Good Neighbor Program. (left) Han Bae Soo (lane 5) and Kim Chang Hoon (lane 4) demonstrate their bowling skills during the first game of 9-pin bowling. — U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Kim Tae Hoon



News & Notes

Victim Advocate Hot Line

USAG-RC Victim Advocate Hot Line is 011-9187-2001. Take a stand against domestic violence. Victim Advocate Coordinator USAG-Casey ACS, Building 2603. For more information call 730-3494.

Daily Mass at USAG-RC

Join us for daily Mass 11:30 to 11:50 a.m. Mon-Fri in USAG-RC Warrior Chapel. For more information call 732-6404.

USAG-RC Gas Station Hours

USAG-RC gas station will be closed for lunch from 1:30-2:30 p.m. daily. For more information call: 732-7167

Delux Taxi Aripport Service

A new taxi contract has began at USAG-Casey, Camp Stanley, Camp Hovey and Red Cloud. Customers wishing transportation to the airport can call 1544-9080 and request a taxi be dispatched to their desired location. Customers can reserve taxis in advance for trips to the airport.

2ID Band Holiday Concert

The 2nd Infantry Division Band will present the 2ID Holiday Concert today at 1:30 p.m. in the USAG-RC physical fitness center. For more information call 732-6623.

Feeling Depressed or Stressed Out?

If you are feeling depressed or stressed out, call the Military and Family Life Consultant Program. Services are completely confidential and private. For more information call: 010-3147-0756 for Red Cloud or 010-869-3666.

Community Bank Closure

The bank will be closed until Dec. 23. For more information call: 730-3375.

Midnight Fireworks Display

There will be a fireworks display at midnight Dec. 31 behind the USAG-Casey Indianhead Golf Course. For more information call: 732-8854.

Holiday Special Sunday Brunch

The USAG-RC Holiday Special Sunday Brunch will be offered in Mitchell's Club Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call Mitchell's Club at 732-8189.

Christmas Eve Mass

There will be a Christmas Eve Mass at Havey Chapel Dec. 24 at 10 p.m. Christmas Mass Christmas Day will be at West Casey Chapel at noon. Solemnity of Mary Immaculate Conception will be Dec. 8, Mass for the Feast will be at Hovey Chapel at 11:45 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be Dec. 12th at Hovey Chapel Dec. 12 at 11:45 a.m. For more information call: 730-8500.

FEHB Belated Enrollment

Effective Dec. 9, employees who need to utilize the belated election opportunity will be required to contact a benefits counselor directly at the toll free number for ABC-C, 1-877-276-9287, TDD 1-877-276-9833. Please refer to the ABC-C website, <https://www.abc.army.mil/>, for the overseas phone numbers. While the belated elections are also effective on Jan. 4, there is a possibility that the employee may be responsible for reimbursing the former plan for any benefits paid. For more information call: 732-7766.

For more news and notes log on to: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area1/sites/local/>



The 2nd Infantry Division Band brought plenty of Christmas cheer in the form of Christmas carols and traditional Christmas music during the Camp Stanley Christmas tree lighting ceremony held in front of the Camp Stanley chapel Dec. 10. — U.S. Army photo by Jim Cunningham

Children's choir, 2ID Band and Santa bring Christmas joy

By Jim Cunningham
USAG-RC Public Affairs

CAMP STANLEY — Children of the International Christian School and the 2nd Infantry Division Band brought the music, and Santa brought the gifts and good cheer for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. Troops from the Warrior Readiness Center, and all other units on Stanley stood by as the entertainment heralded the season in full swing.

After the carols sang by the children, Santa rode in a fire truck to the crowd

gathered in front of the Chapel, bringing gifts for children carried by members of Camp Stanley Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers.

"It is indeed a pleasure for all of us who gather here this evening to pause from our busy schedules and take a moment to officially embrace the holiday season," said Lt. Col. Alfred Francis, 304th Signal Battalion commander. "This evening we host a short ceremony to embrace the holiday season."

While most of us celebrate the season by exchanging gifts and celebrating the spirit

of the season, we also should remember our brothers and sisters in arms in Afghanistan and Iraq and their families in our prayers. Some have special traditions we cannot participate in this year, but we should celebrate our family traditions with our Korean neighbors, Francis said.

"We are one family and one team," he said. "In this holiday season I encourage each of you to forge new traditions with our Korean neighbors."

USAG-Red Cloud lit their tree the evening of Dec. 3 and USAG-Casey held their ceremony Dec. 5.

Soldiers decorate Christmas trees for competition



Soldiers of Headquarters, Headquarters Company USAG-Red Cloud (from left) Pfc. Jang, Young Kwang, Cpl. Jun, Joo Hwan, Cpl. Kim, Sung Jae, Cpl. Moon, Ho Beom, Cpl. Jung, Byeong Joo, Pfc. Choi, Sung Soo, Pvt. Andrew Anderson, gather around their Christmas tree in the FMWR Christmas tree decorating contest Dec. 3 to decorate their entry for competition. — U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Kim, Tae Hoon

Warriors compete in Christmas tree decorating contest

By Frank Desilva
USAG-RC FMWR Marketing

CASEY GARRISON — B Company, 1-38 FA took top honors in the 2008 USAG-RC Christmas Tree Decorating Contest held Dec. 10 at the USAG-Casey Warrior's Club, while the 560th Medical Company won first place in the USAG-Red Cloud/Camp Stanley enclave competition with their outstanding Christmas tree decorations at Mitchell's Club the following day.

Both units will receive \$500 for their unit funds, provided by the USAG-RC Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department.

"I am very impressed with all of the tree decorations I see today," said Richard Davis, deputy garrison commander, USAG-RC, one of three judges for the contest.

"This was really difficult to judge because all the trees are absolutely beautiful. I can tell how much effort the individual units

put into this," he said.

James Richardson, deputy garrison commander for USAG-Casey, also one of the judges, agreed with Davis.

"As soon as I saw the trees all decorated I knew it wasn't going to be easy to judge," he said. "I am impressed with the effort everyone put into the competition. They went all out, and it really shows."

James Cunningham, representing the USAG-RC Public Affairs Office, rounding out the three-judge panel, likewise had a difficult time determining the best of the best.

"All the trees look fantastic," he said when entering the Warrior's Club before the judging began. "The quality is very high. It's going to be close, that's for sure."

Judging was based on several categories, including originality, creativeness, thoroughness and visual impact.

Denise James, USAG-RC FMWR director, was so impressed with the entries

that she decided to award prizes for second and third place, plus a \$100 bonus for all units who participated in the contest.

"This was truly an exceptional effort on the part of all the units who participated," James said. "They all put their heart and soul into decorating the trees. They all look awesome. I am deciding, on the spot, to award every Unit with something for their efforts," James said.

In the USAG-Casey enclave competition, the winners are: 1st Place: B Co. 1-38 Field Artillery, 2nd Place: A Battery 1-15 FA, 3rd Place: Headquarters, Headquarters Battery 1-15 FA. For the USAG-Red Cloud enclave, the winners are: 1st Place: 560th Medical Co., 2nd Place: Headquarters, Headquarters Company USAG-Red Cloud, 3rd Place: HHC 2nd Infantry Division. The Christmas Tree Decoration Contest was planned and coordinated by the FMWR Marketing Division in cooperation with Warrior's Club and Mitchell's Club management.



The 560th Medical Company tree was voted first place for the USAG-RC Christmas tree decorating contest held Friday, Dec. 12. — U.S. Army photo by Jim Cunningham

HHC sponsors Christmas for orphanage at Red Cloud



Santa gives gifts to more than 50 children of the Kwang Myoung Orphanage Dec. 13 during thier visit to USAG-Red Cloud sponsored by Headquarters, Headquarters Company, United Services Organization, Popeyes Chicken, American Red Cross, Red Cloud Commissary, Korean Retirees Association and the Red Cloud KATUSA Snack Bar. The children enjoyed a three hour visit and received food and gifts. — U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Kim, Tae Hoon

DUIs, punishments increase

By Spc. Jason C. Adolphson
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON —The numbers of driving under the influence reports continue to rise in passing weeks despite warnings of garrison officials who announced a significant increase in DUI incidents compared to this time last year.

"There have been no reports of a specific pattern leading to a cause for the increase of DUIs, but the majority of these incidents are happening off post and the Korean government has steepened its consequences to those who get caught," said Ricky Oxendine, garrison emergency services director.

"But you've got two kinds of actions here," Oxendine continued. "You have actions with the Korean authorities and then actions through us, and depending on if it's a Servicemember or Civilian, that can lead to an article 15 or even a court martial and an automatic loss of driving privileges."

The consequences of an off post DUI resulting in death or injury to others have been updated.

Bodily injury upon another shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a minimum fine of 5 million won but not exceeding 30 million won. Incidents involving death shall be punished by imprisonment for a minimum of one year in Korean custody.

In Korea, the legal limit for blood alcohol content is 0.05 percent.

"You can have one or two beers and be over the limit and checkpoints are to be expected on and off post," Oxendine said. "Here in Seoul, with the public transportation as convenient as it is, you really don't even need to take a car. The best advice I can give is don't drink and drive."

Post holiday hours

USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Hours of operation on post Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, Jan. 1, and even Jan. 2 at some establishments, will be altered as customary procedure during many national and international holidays.

It is recommended that the Yongsan community prepare early for the holidays to avoid high density traffic during times of limited hours for shopping and such errands.

To see a list of Yongsan community holiday operation hours, reference the FMWR Community Connection magazine or visit <http://yongsan.korea.army.mil/holidayhours.asp>



Yongsan community cast members perform a scene from "The Christmas Toyshop" opening night, Dec. 11, at the Moyer Recreation and Activities Center Theater. — U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jason C. Adolphson

Community Theater puts on Christmas show

By Spc. Jason C. Adolphson
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON —Yongsan Community members in association with the Music Theatre Branch Area Community Theatre put on a show called "The Christmas Toyshop" at the Moyer Community Activities Center Theater Dec. 11-14 as a way to bring the community together and liven up the Christmas spirit.

"I just performed in a play at my school a

couple months ago but this is my first one at the Moyer," said 11th grade Seoul American High School student, Colton Agee. "There's more of a variety of people here, getting to work with Army people and little kids, so it's different – A good different – and I'm just glad it came out well."

Audience members agreed that the play had a positive outcome and was enjoyable for the entire family.

"It was great, my kids loved it and if it's anything my kids love ... I will be back,"

Michelle Woodfork said on opening night. "I was just asking my daughter (Lydia, 6) if she wants to be in it next year and I think she's going to be in it."

The entire cast worked five weeks to make this production possible for the Yongsan community.

"At first we had to work really hard on the set and on our lines but things sort of got better each day," Agee said.

To learn more about the Music and Theatre Program, contact 723-5721.

Yongsan community gives toys for tots

By Cpl. Lee Min-hwi
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Santa Claus came to town, not in a sleigh, but on a motorcycle. He was accompanied by dozens of bikers with lots of toys in a parade Dec. 13 that ended at the Post Exchange where children took pictures with Santa at a Toys for Tots event.

The United Services Organization, with support from the Yongsan Dragon's Motorcycle Club and Yongsan Fire Station, organized the parade.

"Christmas is a great time of the year. So we wanted to do something special for the children, get out to the community and have a little bit of fun," said Jeffrey Herndon, the programs and marketing director of the USO. "Many organizations in the community showed great support for this."

The U.S. Marine Corps in Korea led the donation of toys for children in the PX. Each of the bikers brought toys and stuffed animals. The Marines have been collecting children's toys in USAG-Yongsan, USAG-



Santa Claus came accompanied with bikers to the Main Post Exchange on Yongsan Garrison to help with the Toys for Tots program. — U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Lee Min-hwi

Humphreys, Osan Air Base, Camp Walker and Camp Carrol since Nov. 20.

"Each year we collect stuffed animals and toys from the community and distribute not only to children in Army bases, but orphanages in local areas of Korea as well," said Gunnery Sgt. Leonard Beaver who led the effort. "Together, we can make a good Christmas for the children who are not as fortunate as we are."

Spc. William Moore was one of the bikers who donated toys. His children also took free pictures with Santa

Claus in the PX.

"It is a great event. Many organizations participated in this event and this shows how much the community cares about children," Moore said. "This is my second year doing it, and it gets better every year. People give presents to needy children, what else could be better for you to do for the Christmas holiday?"

The Marine Corps has collected more than 3,000 toys and donations are still being accepted at the Four Seasons toyshop until Dec. 20.

News & Notes

Call a Taxi

AAFES now has a dispatch service. Call a taxi when you need one!
For information, call 1544-9080

No Cell Phones While Driving

Use of cell phones while driving is prohibited without a hands-free device. You talk, you walk. Use a hands-free device.
For information, call 738-4643

Winter Temperatures

The Department of Public Works reminds you to keep the heat on this winter. To keep the pipes from freezing don't turn the heat off during the cold weather. If you leave your quarters for an extended period of time turn the heat down, but not off. The thermostat should be set at no less than 55 degrees.

Holiday Postal Deadlines

Know this year's Holiday Postal Deadlines to ensure your package arrives at its destination in time! For information, visit <http://www.usps.com/holiday/shippingcalendar.htm>

Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet

Come out and enjoy a great Christmas Eve meal 5-9 p.m. Dec. 24 at Commiskey's Restaurant. Don't forget to bring the kids because Santa Claus will be there 6-7 p.m. to take photos with your children and hand out free gifts while supplies last. For information, call 736-3971.

Special Christmas Lunch Buffet

You are invited to eat at Reggie's in the Main Post Club 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec. 24. The cost for the special lunch buffet is \$8.95. For information, call 723-5678.

Harvey's Christmas Eve Party

Come out and celebrate Christmas at Harvey's Lounge 5:30 p.m. Dec. 24. There will be door prizes, free snacks and even Santa Claus will make an appearance. For information, call 723-8785.

Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders

You are invited to watch the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders perform 4 p.m. Dec. 27 at Collier Field House. This event is free and seating is available on a first-come first-served basis. For information, call 738-5254

All-ranks Engineer Ball

Society of American Military Engineers 6-10 p.m. Feb. 6 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Seoul. See www.same.org/pec for registration, events and other information. For information, call 723-3260.

2009 Peninsula Engineer Conference

U.S. Forces Korea and Combined Forces Command Engineers 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 4-6 at the JW Marriott Hotel and the Multipurpose Training Facility. See www.same.org/pec for registration, events and other information. For information, call 723-3260.

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Alcoholism scenarios, excerpts from previous Morning Calm series

USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — The phone call may go like this:

“Hi honey, it’s me. How are you?”
“John, before we talk, we’re two months past due on the rent and the landlord is becoming quite upset.”

“Yes, I know. You told me last week he was getting angry.”

“Um, honey, we can’t pay the rent this month, either.”

Dead silence. Then rage.

“What?! Why?! What are you spending our money on? How am I going to pay for groceries this week? John, what is going on? Johnny desperately needs a new coat, and Julie needs school supplies. I can’t get the car fixed now, and if I don’t pay the gas bill, guess what? The day care has been understanding up to now, but this can’t continue. Why are you doing this to us? What is going on over there?”

Now add your own sound effects. Maybe John’s wife sobbing, her voice cracking, trying to understand from 5,000 miles away why she’s about to lose her home.

Perhaps a heavy sigh from John as he listens to his wife, his eyes clinched shut wondering why he blew the rent money partying with his buddies. Fear of losing his family sets in. He thinks of his children.

Hopefully this is not too familiar of a scenario. But it is realistic, and it’s one that Joan Haugsness has encountered probably more often than she has ever wanted to in her 30 years of helping people beat alcohol dependency problems.

Haugsness and her co-worker, Betsy Wroblewski, are counselors at the Army Substance Abuse Program clinic on Yongsan

USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — *The following story is true, though the names and other information have been adjusted to protect identities.*

Bob and Jill couldn’t have been more excited about the news: the military offered Bob a job overseas, something he wanted for some time.

So caught up in emotion, Bob and Jill, both divorced and dating for a few years, married on a whim and began planning for the big move overseas. Needless to say his new employer – and he and his wife, for that matter – never saw what was coming.

Two months later, they came off the plane wearing wide grins and ready to launch an exciting chapter of their lives.

Everything seemed to go smoothly at first. But perhaps the stress of the move caught up with them. Jill had a teenager in the states, and maybe separation anxiety got the best of her. Bob started having problems at work, not able to meet the demands and standards of the boss. Maybe the stress of meeting weekly suspenses and trying to manage a section just didn’t play well with a guy who’s generally very personable and friendly. Jill had a difficult time adjusting to the overseas environment.

Mutual aid fire department exercise



The first mutual aid fire department exercise with the Bupyeong-Gu Fire Department Dec. 5 was a great achievement for USAG-Yongsan/DES, Camp Market Fire Department and Bupyeong-Gu Fire Department, which will continue to perform more Good Neighbor exercises together in the future. — U.S. Army courtesy photo

Garrison. They evaluate servicemembers who are involved in alcohol-related incidents or who are referred through other methods, such as a self-referral or a command-directed referral. It’s a program designed with one goal in mind: help servicemembers and if need be, provide treatment.

Haugsness hears many stories of how

alcohol can ruin lives. But now and then, it’s the “good news” story that keeps her passionate about helping people.

“Every once in a while, you really do get to watch someone get sober, and that’s a miracle,” she said. “The most abnormal thing for an alcoholic to be is sober, and to watch that happen is really incredible.”

domestic violence.

That incident launched the military’s support system, designed to not only respond to events, but more importantly to prevent them. Counselors from family advocacy and the substance abuse program talked to Bob and Jill. They were separated for a while, and Bob’s only concern was for his wife’s safety. Jill kept telling others that it really wasn’t as bad as it seems.

But it was. They went to counseling, signed pledges to stop drinking, stop arguing, and rebuild their relationship. Jill ended up having surgery but recovered.

They encountered ups and downs on their road to recovery. Bob now has a permanent scar on his record and almost lost his job. They are back together, and five months later, Bob indicated they are much better.

So it seems it ended happily, at least, but how much pain did it take to get there?

Our military communities offer plenty of prevention outlets to avoid that life-changing event because of alcohol abuse. Unit prevention leaders, substance abuse counselors, family advocacy, social workers, chaplains, a friend. Help is always close by, and confidential. It’s a very well-developed system that works.

You just have to use it.

Seasonal Affective Disorder: It may be more than the holidays getting you down

By Spc. Jason C. Adolphson
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Family separation during a time of togetherness or the costs associated with creating the perfect Christmas are just a couple reasons for holiday depression. Then again, maybe it's seasonal affective disorder; a mood disorder that strikes some people during the winter months, causing them to become depressed or lethargic – SAD.

No matter the reason, acknowledging the signs of depression and doing something about it can help to preserve the holiday spirit and a sense of self.

Many of the symptoms can get troops into trouble if they don't find a way to control their depression before it controls them, said Capt. Pamella Drysdale, a staff nurse at Bryan Allgood Community Hospital inpatient psychiatric unit. "Drinking

excessive amounts of alcohol, isolation that can lead to missing duty, seeking comfort from another man or woman – these are all serious signs," Drysdale said.

Moreover, some Soldiers are either afraid to come forward when they have a problem or think it will pass in time, possibly with the season.

Capt. Karen Schmalenberger, the head IPU nurse at Brian Allgood Hospital, said delayed care can lead to suicidal ideation. "There are forms of self treatment for those who don't want professional help right away, but if those don't seem to work, then don't hesitate to see a doctor immediately," Schmalenberger said.

"You can start by talking to a friend or a chaplain, or even just going out rather than isolating yourself," Schmalenberger continued. "A primary cause of SAD is getting less sunlight in the winter months, so go out in the day,

preferably with someone else.

This can be a challenge to Soldiers who are new here without their friends and families.

"It can be difficult to adjust when your routine and the people you know aren't here," Drysdale said. "I recommend that people maintain their regular routines as best they can. Go shopping, have Sunday brunch, see movies, call your families – Whatever it is that you did before to keep your life balanced."

Although some teenagers and children get SAD, its most commonly reported by people that are age 20 and above. Other side effects of seasonal depression include a sudden increase in appetite for sweets and carbs, oversleeping, fatigue, poor work performance, increased sensitivity to social rejection and anxiety.

Suicide can be prevented. While some suicides occur without any outward warning,

most people considering suicide do give warnings. Prevent suicides by learning to recognize the signs of someone at risk and taking the signs seriously, Drysdale said.

Possible suicide warnings when conducting a self assessment are change in personality, behavior, sleep patterns, eating habits and fear of losing control, lowered sex drive, low self esteem, and hopelessness.

Outward signs to notice in others are giving away prized possessions, obtaining poisons or medications, unexpected rage or anger, suicide threats or wishes to die and recent impulsiveness or unnecessary risks.

"It's very common that this time of year people get SAD, so they're not alone," Schmalenberger said. "They shouldn't be ashamed of it; they just need to seek help."

To learn more about SAD and suicide prevention, visit <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/> or contact HOOAH 4 HEALTH at 1-800-SUICIDE.

Local orphans visit garrison

By Pvt. Hwang Joon-hyun
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — More than thirty children from Zion Orphanage, a local childrens home, visited Yongsan Lanes Dec. 13 to enjoy a game of bowling and celebrate the holiday.

American Society of Military Comptrollers Korea Chapter hosted the children; more than twenty volunteers from the chapter came to help and play with the orphans.

"Two times a year, we bring in children from the orphanage," said Col. Les Brehm, president of American

Society of Military Comptrollers. "It's one way for us to reach out to the local community, and a part of the Good Neighbor Program."

Following lunch and a game of bowling, Santa Claus visited the children. Each child received a holiday gift and a 'pro bowler' patch.

"This tradition has lasted for more than five years," said Lee Sung-jae, Zion Orphanage guidance counselor. "The lunch was great, and the children had a lot of fun today."

Most recent ASMC sponsored events for the orphanage included a barbecue party, a meal at Commiskey's, and mini-golf.



Children from Zion Orphanage visit the garrison bowling alley Dec. 13 and happily receive candy canes from Santa Claus. — U.S. Army photo by Pvt. Hwang Joon-hyun

New Year's Eve in Yongsan: Where to go

By Pfc. Keun-woo
USAG-Yongsan Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — There are several on post opportunities for New Year's Eve fun on Yongsan. DFMWR has prepared events for the community to enjoy and events are separate at the Main Post Club, Harvey's, K16, Commiskey's, Yongsan Bowling Lanes, Dragon Hill Lodge and Hartell House.

Main Post Club

A private New Year's party will be 8 p.m. – 4 a.m., co-hosted by the Main Post Club and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, incorporated. The admission is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. A holiday dinner is provided around 12:45 a.m.

Harvey's

There will be a live band playing from 7 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. Admissions are free. Food provided is on a first come first serve basis. Door prizes are given out all night and the grand prize will be a round

trip to anywhere in the United States.

K16

There will be a New Year's party with a DJ from 8 p.m. – 2 a.m. Admissions and food are free on a first come first serve basis.

Yongsan Bowling Lanes

Yongsan Bowling Lane will put on a bowling extravaganza for families from 8 p.m. – 1 a.m. Admission is \$45 and \$35 for children. Food is served all night, including breakfast on New Year's Day. Note: Almost sold out.

Commiskey's

Families that would like to enjoy a quieter New Year's Eve, but still go out, can go to Commiskey's for a family buffet from 5-9:30 p.m. The buffet is \$15.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children between ages 6-10. Admission for ages 5 and under is free.

Dragon Hill Lodge

The Dragon Hill Lodge will be hosting various parties on New Year's Eve. Doors will open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$49 and can be purchased at the guest services desk daily

from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. They can be purchased over the phone but will have to be charged directly to a credit card.

The ticket is good for,

- R&B party in the Naija Ballroom
- Top 40 in main lobby and Mezzanine
- Old School Jam in Bentley's Pub
- Salsa in Oasis
- Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres
- Black Jack Tables; Fun only, no money
- Fun Auction for variety of Prizes
- Elvis Wedding Chapel, photo op
- Silent Drawing for a round trip to the U.S., available only to active duty military personnel
- Champagne toast at midnight

There will also be a Sables Dinner package, which will be \$69 for those who would like the dinner package as well as a ticket to the party. For those who would like the dinner only, the price is \$59. For those with DHL Guest Room & Referral Hotel reservation the price is \$39. Seating time is between 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Rooms for Dec. 31 are sold out. An alternative exists for \$210 for a double occupancy guestroom at the JW Marriot including two tickets to the DHL party. Transportation to and from the DHL party will be provided. Reservations must be made with credit a card and no refunds or exchanges will be available.

Hartell House:

Vegas Night Life with a four-course dinner

- \$59.95 per person for members and \$79.93 per person for non-members
- Entertainment with DJ "Double Down" from 7:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.
- Tickets can be purchased at GSA or at Hartell House

Bus Service

Bus shuttle services will run between 11 p.m. – 3 a.m. from Yongsan to surrounding areas, including Hannam village. However, DFMWR Business Program Manager Daniel Melton emphasized that there will be no stops in Itaewon.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Dave Hall
Commander, USAG-Yongsan



Happy Holidays!

I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday season from my family to yours. This is a special time of year when family and friends gather together to celebrate and share good times.

Let's take this opportunity to reflect on the year and look forward to the next. You know, the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of our Families. So, as we take a moment to consider the spirit of the season, let's give credit to our spouses, parents, children and extended family who give meaning to life.

At U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, we are totally committed to continue building a partnership with our Army Families that enhances our strength and resilience.

Over the past year, we've come a long way toward making USAG-Yongsan

an even better community to live, work and play. When you consider the recent major announcements, such as the Hannam Village renovation and the K-16 Air Base Commissary approval, it truly gives a sense of reality to our quality of life. This month, K-16 Air Base will celebrate the grand opening of a brand-new indoor swimming pool. Hannam Village residents cut the ribbon on a new community center above the Commissary.

We are progressing at USAG-Yongsan because we are committed to providing our Families a strong, supportive environment where they can thrive.

This holiday season, above all, consider safety in all that you do. Be careful, and take care of each other. Again, thank you for all you do for the community and our great nation. Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Melissa Velasquez

Melissa Velasquez spends much of her time volunteering for several organizations. She was also nominated for the USAG-Yongsan Volunteer of the Quarter.

What does she do?

Melissa serves as a member of the Brigade-level steering committee on a bi-monthly basis.

She supports the Commander's family readiness goals by providing planned quarterly FRG meetings which include fun activities to bring families together, build unit esprit de corps and pass on pertinent information on family programs and benefits.

For the month of November she planned a Thanksgiving Potluck and planned for providing single soldiers and KATUSAs of

the 65th Medical Brigade with a Holiday Cookie bag on December 19th.

The events provide opportunity to understand the unique needs and problems of the family members in Korea and communicate such needs to the Commander.

Melissa communicates on a weekly basis through email contacts and distribution of a weekly and monthly newsletter as well.

Where does she work?

She is the FRG Leader for Seoul AMEDD FRG which is a combined group of HHC, 65th Medical Brigade, 121st Combat Support Hospital (CSH), and 618th Dental Command. Melissa also volunteers on Saturdays as a cashier at the Chosun.

How many hours per week?

10 - 15 hours per event

What impact does she have?

Melissa's dedication to the families, soldiers, civilians, and KATUSAs as the Seoul AMEDD FRG Leader ensures that family members of 65th Medical Brigade have the tools to be resilient.

Why does she volunteer?

Nothing means more to her than knowing that she can use her time to help out another person or family. She loves to volunteer for the feeling of giving back to the community.

She also loves to learn new things and new experiences and through that make new friends and unforgettable memories!

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Stop spread of germs with healthy habits

By Marianne Campano
65th Medical Brigade

Congratulations, by now most of you have been vaccinated against the flu, the single most important thing you can do to prevent this serious disease. But in addition to getting vaccinated, there are other important healthy habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often that can help prevent the flu.

When washing your hands, it is recommended that you use soap and warm water and wash for at least 20 seconds. If soap is unavailable, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. The gel can be found in the PX and most convenience stores. If using gel, rub your hands together until the gel dries.



Covering your cough is another important way you can stop the spread of germs. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, you can cough or sneeze into the upper part of your sleeve.

These simple measures will help keep you, your family, friends and co-workers well during the cold and flu season.

For more information, please contact Health Promotion Coordinator, Marianne Campano at Force Health Protection and Preventive Medicine: DSN 736-6693.

AFN Korea seeks customer feedback



From now to Dec. 31, AFN Korea is conducting a Korea-wide customer survey. Audience members are encouraged to take a few minutes and complete this short, five-minute survey. Anyone who receives AFN programming may participate in this survey. Respondents are not required to provide personal information. Survey answers will assist AFN Korea in evaluating its customers' needs and will allow us the opportunity to better serve our community.

American Forces Network Korea remains committed to providing quality broadcast products for its viewing and listening audience. Your inputs are extremely valuable and greatly appreciated. The survey is at the AFN-K website www.afnkorea.net (top left of screen).

Week 4: 2008/09 Post Level Men's & Women's Basketball League

Results:

Dec. 13	Casey	vs	Suwon	postponed
	Wonju	vs	Hovey	postponed
	Red Cloud	84	Humphreys	83
	Taegu	vs	Osan	postponed
	Yongsan	86	Kunsan	93
Dec. 4	Suwon	vs	Casey	postponed
	Hovey	vs	Wonju	postponed
	Humphreys	79	Red Cloud	69
	Taegu	vs	Osan	postponed
	Kunsan	90	Yongsan	81

Standings:

					Men	Winning Percentage		
Dec. 13	Casey	vs	Suwon	postponed	1stT	Kunsan	6-0	1.000
	Wonju	vs	Hovey	postponed	1stT	Osan	6-0	1.000
	Red Cloud	84	Humphreys	83	3rdT	Humphreys	4-2	.667
	Taegu	vs	Osan	postponed	3rdT	Suwon	4-2	.667
	Yongsan	86	Kunsan	93	3rdT	Wonju	4-2	.667
Dec.4					6thT	Casey	2-4	.333
	Suwon	vs	Casey	postponed	6thT	Yongsan	2-4	.333
	Hovey	vs	Wonju	postponed	8thT	Hovey	1-5	.167
	Humphreys	79	Red Cloud	69	8thT	Red Cloud	1-5	.167
	Taegu	vs	Osan	postponed	10th	Taegu	0-6	.000
	Kunsan	90	Yongsan	81				
					Women			
Dec. 13	Taegu	vs	Osan	postponed	Humphreys	4-0	1.000	
					Osan	0-0	1.000	
Dec.14	Taegu	vs	Osan	postponed	Yongsan	1-1	.500	
					Casey	1-3	.250	
					Taegu	0-2	.000	

Overseas Housing Allowance Utility Survey continues through Jan. 16, 2009

The annual Overseas Housing Allowance Utility Survey for Korea is going on now through Jan. 16, 2009.

All Servicemembers who reside off-post should complete this survey at:
<https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/novoha.html>.

Results of the survey will affect OHA utility and recurring maintenance allowances for Servicemembers.

Public may comment on draft rules for spouse employment

Federal government seeks input on expedited hiring process

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

The public is invited to comment until Jan. 5, 2009, on proposed rules to speed up the hiring process for some military spouses seeking federal jobs.

The Office of Personnel Management staff published the rules Dec. 5 in the Federal Register and drafted the regulations to implement an executive order signed by President George W. Bush on Sept. 25 allowing agencies to make noncompetitive

appointments of military spouses. “This is a quick-hire authority that will allow the federal government easy access to a talent pool of deserving military spouses,” said Army Lt. Col. Les Melnyk, a spokesman for the Pentagon.

The draft regulations “do not provide a hiring preference for military spouses, nor do they establish selection priority for these individuals,” according to the proposed rules in the Federal Register.

However, “if a spouse is otherwise qualified for the job, he or she may be

USAG-Yongsan holiday religious services & programs

Catholic	Date/Time	Location
Christmas Eve Family Mass	Dec. 24 1600-1730	Memorial Chapel
Christmas Carols & Midnight Mass	Dec. 24 2300-0130	Memorial Chapel
Christmas Day Mass (One Mass only)	Dec. 25 1130-1230	Memorial Chapel
Mary Mother of God Mass	Dec. 31 1730-1900	Memorial Chapel
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Christmas Holy Eucharist	Dec. 24 1900-2000	Memorial Chapel
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Hanukkah Celebration	Dec. 21 1530-1800	South Post Chapel
Protestant		
2008 KATUSA Praise & Worship	Dec. 5 0900-1700	South Post Chapel
Christmas Play (Gospel)	Dec. 7 1200-1300	South Post Chapel
Christmas Cantata	Dec. 14 0800-0900	Memorial Chapel
Christmas Cantata	Dec. 14 1000-1100	South Post Chapel
Christmas Musical Program	Dec. 14 1000-1100	South Post Theater
Christmas Eve/Day Caroling/Fellowship	Dec. 24 1800-2100	Allgood Hospital Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Dec. 24 1830-1930	Hannam Village Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Dec. 24 1900-2000	South Post Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Dec. 24 1900-2000	K-16 Chapel
Christmas Day Community-Wide Service	Dec. 25 1500-1630	Yong Nak Church
(AIM-Korea – Busses depart South Post Chapel at 1400)		
Watchnight Service	Dec. 31 2000-0030	Hannam Village Chapel
Watchnight Service	Dec. 31 2200-2400	South Post Chapel

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hired immediately by any federal agency, thus benefiting the agency while simultaneously eliminating the oftentimes lengthy application process and delays that discourage many spouses from applying for federal jobs in the first place,” Colonel Melnyk said.

The employment initiative would apply to spouses of active-duty Servicemembers who have received permanent-change-of-

station orders, spouses of Servicemembers who have received 100 percent disability discharges, as well as unmarried widows or widowers of military members who have been killed while on active duty, according to the proposed rules.

President Bush proposed the military-spouse employment initiative during his State of the Union speech to the nation in January 2009.

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HOVEY 730-5412	Secret Life of Bees (PG13) 7 p.m.	Body of Lies (PG13) 7 p.m.	Four Christmases (PG13) 7 p.m.	No Show	The Express (PG) 7 p.m.	No Show	Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13) 7 p.m.
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OSAN 784-4930	Nothing Like the Holidays (PG13) 7 / 9:30 p.m.	TOPS IN BLUE	TOPS IN BLUE	Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13) 7 p.m.	Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13) 7 p.m.	Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13) 1 / 3:30 / 6 p.m.	Max Payne (PG13) 7 p.m.
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STANLEY 732-5565	Flash of Genius (PG13) 7 p.m. Eagle Eye (PG13) 9 p.m.	Australia (PG13) 6 p.m. Body of Lies (PG13) 9 p.m.	Australia (PG13) 7 p.m.	Quarantine (R) 7 p.m.	No Show	Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13) 6:30 / 9 p.m.	Lakeview Terrace (PG13) 7 p.m.
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Area I Worship Schedule

Protestant Services

<i>Collective</i>		
Sunday	1000	Stone Chapel
Sunday	1000	Stanley Chapel
Sunday	1030	West Casey Chapel
Sunday	1100	Protestant Sunday
		School-Coffee House
Sunday	1100	Warrior Chapel
Sunday	1100	Crusader Chapel
Sunday	1100	Hovey Chapel
Wednesday	1130	Bible Study-Coffee House
<i>Gospel</i>		
Sunday	1100	Casey Memorial Chapel
	1230	Camp Stanley Chapel
Wednesday	1800	Gospel Bible Study
		Stanley Chapel
		Gospel Practice
		Stanley Chapel
Thursday	1900	
<i>COGIC</i>		
Sunday	1230	CRC Warrior Chapel
<i>KATUSA</i>		
Sunday	1930	CRC Warrior Chapel
Sunday	1300	Jackson Auditorium
Tuesday	1900	Camp Stanley Chapel
Tuesday	1840	Casey Stone Chapel
Tuesday	1800	Camp Castle Chapel
Tuesday	1830	Casey Memorial Chapel
Tuesday	1830	Camp Hovey Chapel
Thursday	1830	West Casey Chapel
Catholic Mass		
Sunday	1130	Camp Stanley Chapel
Sunday	0900	CRC Warrior Chapel
Sunday	1215	West Casey Chapel
Sunday	0930	Camp Hovey Chapel
Orthodox Service		
1st and 2nd Sundays	1000	Old Hovey Chapel
<i>Later Day Saints</i>		
Sunday	1400	West Casey Chapel
Jewish		
Friday	1830	West Casey Chapel

Area II Worship Schedule

Protestant Services

<i>Collective</i>		
Sunday	0800	Memorial Chapel (Liturgical)
	0930	Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
	0930	(Korean) Hannam Chapel
	1000	South Post Chapel
	1030	K-16 Chapel
	1100	Hannam Village Chapel
<i>Contemporary</i>		
Sunday	1000	Multi Purpose Training Facility
<i>Gospel</i>	1200	South Post Chapel
<i>Seventh-Day Adventist</i>		
Saturday	0930	Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
<i>United Pentecostal (UPCI)</i>		
Sunday	1330	Memorial Chapel
<i>KATUSA</i>		
Thursday	1830	Memorial Chapel
<i>Episcopal</i>		
Sunday	1000	Memorial Chapel
Catholic Services		
Mass		
Sunday	0800	South Post Chapel
	1130	Memorial Chapel
Saturday	1700	Memorial Chapel
Mon/Thur/Fri	1205	Memorial Chapel
Tues/Wed	1205	Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
1st Sat.	0900	Memorial Chapel
Jewish Services		
Friday	1900	South Post Chapel

Area III Worship Schedule

Protestant Services

<i>Collective Protestant</i>		
Sunday	1100	Freedom Chapel
	1100	Suwon Air Base Chapel
	1100	Camp Eagle Chapel
<i>Gospel</i>	1300	Freedom Chapel
<i>Contemporary</i>	1800	Freedom Chapel
<i>KATUSA</i>		
Tuesday	1900	Freedom Chapel
<i>Korean</i>		
Wednesday	1730	Freedom Chapel
Wednesday	1900	Freedom Chapel (Bible Study)
Catholic Services		
Mass		
Daily	1145	Freedom Chapel
Sunday	0930	Freedom Chapel
	1700	Camp Eagle Chapel
	1700	Suwon Air Base Chapel
Jewish		
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Area IV Worship Schedule

Protestant Services

<i>Collective Protestant</i>		
Sunday	1000	Camp Carroll
	1030	Camp Walker
<i>Church of Christ</i>	1700	Camp Walker
<i>Gospel</i>	1215	Camp Walker
	1300	Camp Carroll
<i>Contemporary</i>		
Friday	1900	Camp Walker
<i>Korean</i>		
Tuesday	1900	Camp Carroll
Wednesday	1830	Camp Walker
Catholic Services		
Mass		
Sunday	0900	Camp Walker
	1130	Camp Carroll
Saturday	1700	Camp Walker
Jewish		
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Region launches Media Center

By R. Slade Walters
IMCOM-K Public Affairs

Servicemembers, Families and Civilians around the world now have a breakthrough Internet resource for information about life at U.S. Army Installations across the Korean peninsula.

With the launch of the U.S. Army Korea Media Center, Installation Management Command Korea Region has established a one-stop online resource for sharing news, photos, videos, and military reference material.

The Media Center is also a gateway to the official IMCOM-Korea website, the online version of the Morning Calm newspaper and a host of media sharing and social networking sites that are becoming an increasingly popular way for people to obtain news and information online. The primary social networking and media sharing sites that make up the Media Center include YouTube, Flickr, MySpace, Photobucket, Facebook, Dailymotion, Break, Wikipedia, and Twitter.

"This truly revolutionizes the way we share command information with our community and the world. Now, for the first time, the global military community has instant access to photos, videos, news and information about Army life in Korea — whenever and wherever they want it," said Edward Johnson, IMCOM-K Public Affairs Officer.

The Media Center provides instant access to IMCOM-Korea commercial video channels offering on-demand access to current events, newcomer, cultural and historical videos.

"Since the launch of IMCOM-Korea's official YouTube channel, our videos have been viewed more than 200,000 times and we are averaging about 5000 views every single day," said Johnson. "This is significant because we are reaching a larger audience than ever before at essentially no additional cost to the taxpayer."

Profiles on social networking sites Facebook and MySpace also help to showcase IMCOM-Korea to the rapidly growing user base of those extremely popular sites and allow those users to share that information with their friends across those networks.

"One of the goals of the Media Center is to raise awareness about the ongoing transformation in the Republic of Korea which has resulted in significant quality of life improvements for Servicemembers, Families and

Civilians who are thinking about taking an assignment here," said Johnson. "The friends we are making on these social networking sites are helping us to tell our story."

In addition to Facebook and Myspace, IMCOM-Korea also publishes links to delicious.com. According to their web site, "Delicious is a social bookmarking service that allows users to tag, save, manage and share web pages from a centralized source. With emphasis on the power of the community, Delicious greatly improves how people discover, remember and share on the

Internet." By using Twitter, IMCOM-K provides brief, regular updates, called tweets,

about news and events. Twitter describes itself as, "... a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing?"

"All of our social networking initiatives are aimed at making it easier for the Servicemembers, Families and Civilians we serve to stay informed and access the news they need with a simple click of the mouse," said Johnson. "It is important to understand that the Media Center is not being done at the expense of our traditional communications. Instead, it complements

and enhances the things we have always done in print and broadcast, giving us a whole new toolbox to work from."

In addition to media sharing and social networking, the Media Center also provides links to IMCOM-Korea reference material at sites like Wikipedia.

"Online search tools like Google have made Wikipedia one of the most widely used reference tools. Because anyone can set up and edit Wikipedia articles, it is important for organizations to take an active role to ensure that the information presented on Wikipedia is factual and accurate," said Johnson. "Wikipedia has helped to educate the world about who we are and what we do."

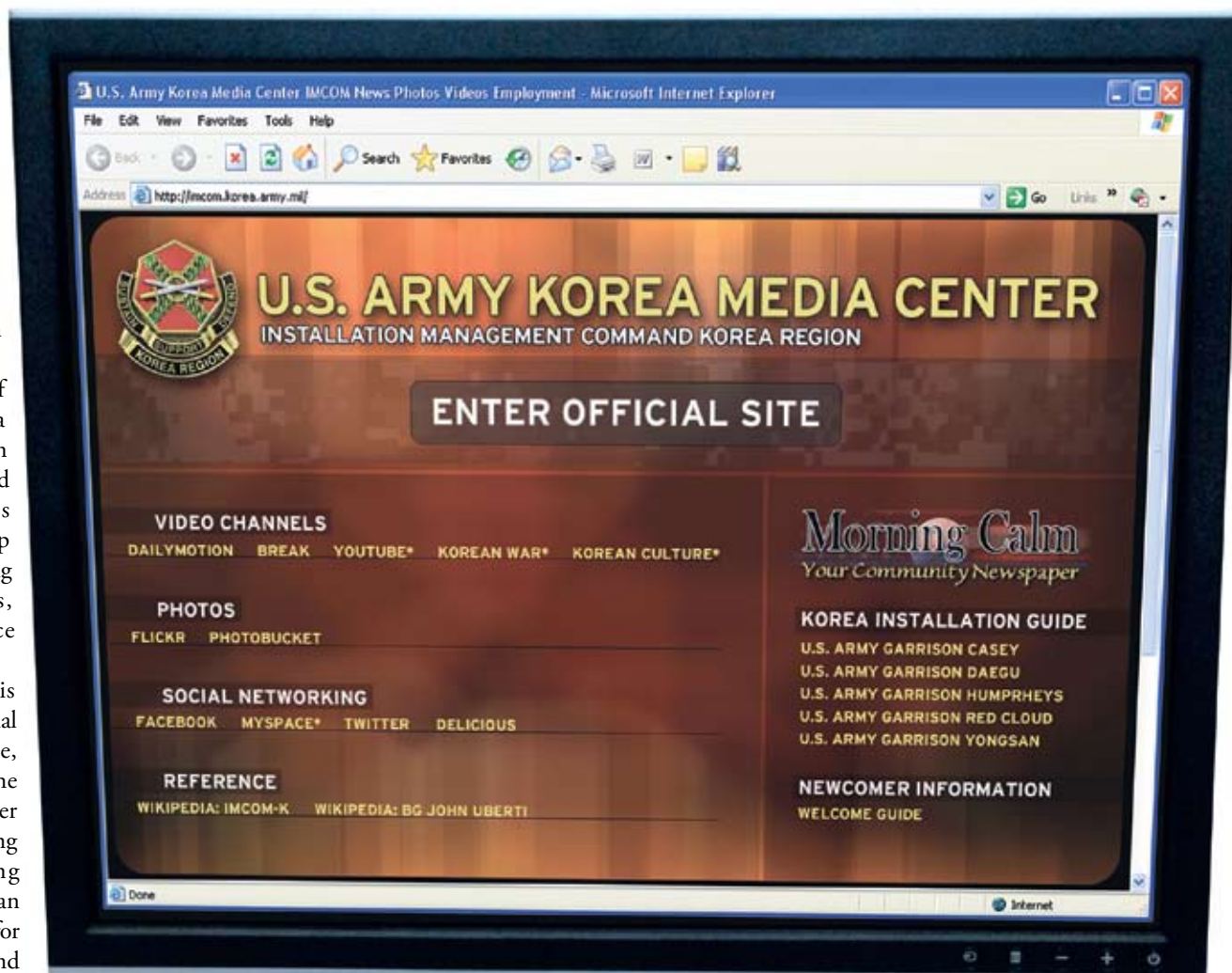
On Flickr and Photobucket, both popular photo sharing sites, IMCOM-Korea makes thousands of photos available for download, including all of

the photos that appear in the Morning Calm newspaper each week.

"The IMCOM-Korea Flickr site adds another dimension to the stories we bring our audience every week. Morning Calm readers can now delve into the next layer of the story, beyond what was published, and view additional news photos from the events that matter to them," said Susan Silpasornprasit, senior editor of the Morning Calm Weekly. "The Flickr site is also a valuable tool for us to gauge what our readers are interested in based on the number of views recorded on particular types of photos."

The U.S. Army Korea Media Center is part of IMCOM-Korea's plan to showcase Korea as an Assignment of Choice. In addition to directly supporting that goal, the sites that make up the Media Center have resulted in increased relevancy in online search sites like Google.

The U.S. Army Korea Media Center web site is located online at: <http://imcom.korea.army.mil>.



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Photo courtesy Ms. Strom's 5th grade class, SAES

Santa makes storybook trip to Yongsan Garrison

Seoul American Elementary School students in Mrs. Strom's 5th grade class got a feel for journalism while covering Santa's annual visit to the Dragon Hill Lodge Dec. 3. Each young reporter was assigned to write a news feature and take photos covering the event. These are their stories...

Santa arrived for a holiday surprise

By Rachel Boyer

Guess what? Santa has now come to the Dragon Hill Lodge on December 3rd to bring Christmas spirit. So what people found was interesting Santa arrived on a motorcycle (Harley Davidson). Which the parents probably thought all the kids felt comfortable and safe and all the kids looked happy. They all looked like they were having a good time speaking of having a good time one girl named Dylan Turner in Kindergarten giggled, "hi Santa" and she gave Mrs. Clause a big old hug and also another girl named Gabby Hoffs a 1st grader yelled out in shock "Oh my gosh it's Santa" Which was common for a 1st grader to say. So it looked like everyone had a good time with Santa and it also seemed that Santa Clause had a good time too. No one will ever forget all those smiling faces on that day they all looked like they had a great time and Santa looked like he was having fun too and so did Mrs. Clause (she also arrived on a motorcycle in the back though) And The Dragon Hill Lodge was loaded with decorations everywhere which the parents probably thought made the day and the pictures and the background look wonderful it was like with Santa and his sleigh and all his reindeer and all the presents they were every where it was bizarre. Well that's all for now folks HO! HO! HO! And have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Have you been good this year! Santa Claus is coming to town!

By Jordyn Bruce

Have you been good this year! A special guest from the North Pole dressed in a red and white suite came to visit some of the good boys and girls at the Dragon Hill. Santa rode up on a red motorcycle. Santa got off his bike, stood up and laughed so loud everyone could here "Ho, Ho, Ho!" But don't forget Ms. Claus! Se walked with Santa Claus and the bunched up people. Santa went around and shakes the children's hands. "You don't see Santa on a motorcycle everyday!" a 5th grader from Seoul American Elementary School named Autumn shouted. There were flashes everywhere of cameras getting full of Santa pictures. Everybody smiled. Santa walked on inside the Dragon Hill Lodge and then soon everyone followed. Including Gabby who screamed aloud "Oh my gosh it's Santa!" People were all around shouting. Santa was crowded. Tons of cheerful people trying to tell Santa Claus their Christmas wishes. It was a wonderful morning for everybody to enjoy. The Dragon Hill was full of decorations! There were Christmas trees with ornaments on it. A gingerbread house with gumdrops stuck to it with frosting. Big plastic candy canes in bunches of three. There were statues of painted Santa's hanging from the roof. And nutcrackers by the entrance waving hello when you came in. It was so exciting that the AFN was there too! At the end of the excitement of Santa in South Korea, everybody walked back to the elementary school, as

one person went by they whispered "I want what I want." Don't forget Santa! He went back to make his presents in the South Pole with all of his elf's help he could get.

You better be good! Santa visits DHL (Dragon Hill Lodge)

By Peter Cho

On December 3, 2008, Santa came to the Dragon Hill Lodge and a lot of students came from SAES to see him. He is taking a break from taking toys, so he came to see the children. Children and adults await with pounding heart as they are waiting for Santa. "Gosh, I can't wait to see Santa!" shouted an excited little student. Soon, he came to see the children riding a motorcycle, and he greeted everyone. "Santa, Santa!" screamed 5 year-old Sierra. Children were very excited to see Santa as he shook their hands. A lot of adults met Santa too, and like the other children, they were very excited. A child was overexcited that he jumped on to Santa's belly and hugged him. "Look, there's Santa!" shouted 5 year-old Emily. Santa greets everybody as he walks somewhere with his Christmas spirit with him.

The Clause News: Santa At The Dragon Hill

By Curtis Davis

Children from all on post came to see Santa Clause. On December 3, 2008 at the Dragon Hill lodge. Santa rode on his motorcycle on his way to the Dragon Hill. The kids I took pictures of stated to sing carols. The kids were screaming when they saw Santa riding in on his way to the Dragon Hill Lodge. Thomas replied "I wish that Santa would give presents." The Christmas tree inside the Dragon Hill lodge was beautiful. And the ordainments were amazing like the Santa climbing the wall or the Santa checking his list with elves behind him. This looked like the best day the children lives by the look on their faces. One child told Santa "I want all the things I want". When the kids were interviewed their smiles got bigger. The children all leaped with joy when they saw Santa Claus coming in on his Harley Davidson. The kids were very happy because they got some pictures with Santa Claus. The kids were glad they got to meet Santa Claus face to face. That was the 1st grades trip to Santa.

A Santa Surprise A surprise guest visits the children at Yongsan

By Joshua Fandrich

Students from SAES made a special trip to the Dragon Hill Lodge on Decemebr 3rd to see Santa. The kids were in for a big surprise. Dylan Turner in kindergarten giggled "Hi Santa." Mrs. Herman's Kindergarten class was singing Christmas songs while waiting for Santa to arrive. Santa arrived on a motorcycle followed by Mrs. Claus. About twelve classes from Seoul American Elementary School went to the event. After Santa

removed himself from the motorcycle he shook the student's hands and he past out chocolate. Autumn in Mr. Tshabold's class replied "Santa on a motorcycle, you don't see that every day." When Santa arrived there The Dragon Hill Lodge was packed. Jessica Bates in Mr. Tshabold's class shouted "You rock Santa!". He took many pictures with the kids next to the enormous Christmas trees inside while some other employees of the DHL were handing out even more chocolate! All of the kids had a wonderful time with Santa and so did Santa! This is going to be the best Christmas ever!

Santa Claus is coming, to Yongsan SAES goes to visit Santa

By Sam Hanley

SAES went to the Dragon Hill Lodge on the 3rd December 2008. Santa came so all the students of SAES could see Santa for Christmas. Santa came on a motorcycle with a police car in front of him, Miss Claus behind him and cheerful kids beside him, Santa came in style. 5th grader Autumn replied "you don't see that ever day" Tobias Cochran explained "Hey, look at Santa". When Santa got off his motorcycle he shook kids hands and Mrs. Claus behind him was giving kids candy. Everybody, even the grownups were very excited especially 5th grade Rachel Rehak she yells "Santa I want an I pod for Christmas:. Then Santa checked into the Dragon Hill Lodge. Inside the Dragon Hill Lodge was decorated thoroughly; they have "blow up" decorations to "robots". A lots of classes took pictures by the Christmas tree that is full of decoration. As the kids followed Santa they tooled him what they want for Christmas. One kid said "I want what I want for Christmas". Another kid said "I wish Santa would give me presents!".

Santa is coming to town

By Ben Johnson

Santa Claus, he is coming to the D.H.L. to say hi to the kids and give candy out to the kids. It was December 3, 2008 that Santa Claus came to the D.H.L. It was at the D.H.L. that is a place where people stay and sleep in. Now Santa came in with a motorcycle and he rode it. It happened because the kids wanted to see Santa Claus. The kids were screaming to see Santa Claus. "I saw Santa up close." Whispered a young Korean girl. Everyone had a grate time with Santa.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town Santa makes a surprise visit to Yongsan for the children of the Garrison

By Michelle Lee

Students had a surprise visit from Santa during his special Christmas presentation on December 3rd, 2008. Santa made a visit to Yongsan for the kids there. People of all ages and grades seemed so enthusiastic about Santa's surprise visit. Santa rode a motorcycle with Military Police in front of him and his wife in a carriage behind him. As Santa and his wife ride down the way, he also welcomes everyone who came to see him during his break. Fifth grade students from Mr. Tschabold's class named Autumn Kestner shared, "Santa came on a motorcycle, that's something you don't see everyday!" Her classmate, Jessica Bates, screamed, "You rock Santa!" Dylan Turner, kindergartner, giggled, "Hi Santa!" It was really hard to ignore all the screaming of excitement coming from all the Santa fans, but it looks pretty clear that everyone had a great day. Santa may be back next year for another surprise so you better remember to be good!

Santa's here, Santa's here!! Kids are surprised by Santa's surprise visit

By Alexis McKee

Ho, Ho, Ho, Santa and his wife Mrs. Claus arrive today at the Dragon Hill Lodge. Santa arrived on a motorcycle with Mrs. Claus following him on her own bike. Santa and his wife were giving were giving out lots of candy, in fact it was really good chocolate. The reason why all of the kids went was because they really were anxious to see Santa Claus and they were anxious to get candy. "Cool Santa's riding a motorcycle" Santa and his wife came to the celebration at the beginning. In fact Santa and Mrs. Claus had to be there for the celebration to start. The celebration was on December 3, 2008. The story took place at the Dragon Hill Lodge, it's so cool there. The celebration was celebrated at the front of the D.H.L. Once Santa had arrived and given out candy people started going inside. The reason why a lot of kids went to go see Santa and Mrs. Claus is because everyone wanted to greet Santa and his wife. The other reason why was because kids really wanted to get candy and they also wanted to shake Santa's hand.

When everyone was there it felt really good because we heard kids saying things like this, "Merry Christmas Santa" and some kids also said "Yea, Yea, Santa's coming", mostly kindergarteners said those sayings.

Santa Claus is coming to Town

By Joel Murphy

Santa Claus came in style to the Dragon Hotel. Santa Claus went in to check into the Dragon Hotel for a nice sleep and I see all the kids scream for Santa Claus. I like to see the little kids so happy to see him! It was so cool inside the hotel because there were a lot of Christmas decorations. A 5th grade class will be on the AFN news talking about why they came to see Santa.

A Special Guest visit children at Yongsan The Santa Claus News

By Sara Nishiie

Some classes at SAES went to a special trip to the Dragon Hill Lodge, December 3, 2008 to see Santa Claus. Santa Claus came to bring Christmas and cheer to the children in Seoul, South Korea. The children in the Seoul American Elementary School who was going to meet the Santa needed to walk to the Dragon Hill Lodge. He also arrived with his wife Mrs. Claus on a motorcycle. When Santa Claus came he waved at his excited crowds. A girl named Jessica Bates a 5th grader from Tschabold's class said "You rock Santa!" Another Child who seemed to be a second grader exclaimed, "Santa' here, Santa' here!" Santa Claus handed out chocolate. Then a member from the AFN crew asked to inter view Mrs. Strom's class. She also asked how the students felt about being reporters and meeting Santa. Then she wanted to know what they wanted for Christmas. After the interview the whole class snapped three times and then shouted, "Happy Holidays! Santa Rocks!"

Surprise Guest at DHL -- It's Santa, he's here!

By Samuel A. Norman

The students from S.A.E.S. make an exciting trip to the DHL to see the surprise guest, Santa! He came to see all the kids. Every body thought Santa was going to arrive on a fire truck like last year, but this year surprisingly he came on a Harley Davidson and with Mrs. Claus behind him on a carriage with other bikers with Santa. When Santa Claus arrived all the Kindergarteners started to scream. One kindergartener, 5 year old Sierra from Mrs. Herman's kindergarten class, screamed "Santa, Santa!" as she jumped while he came her way. "Ho, Ho, Ho!" shouted Santa while shaking hands with the students of S.A.E.S. and took pictures with them. After Santa went in, all the students went in to the Dragon Hill Lodge. Ms. Emery's class sits in front of a big Christmas tree and a statue of Santa Claus to take a picture as they screamed "MERRY CHRISTMAS!" in joy to be there. Santa was in side taking a couple more pictures with Employs of the DHL. A little later while Santa Claus was talking to Employs, "Look there's Santa mommy!" squealed 5-year old Emily as she pasted Santa checking in to a room. Hey, Santa needs a room too you know.

Special Christmas Guest Santa comes to Dragon Hill Lodge

By Sabrina Yim

Students from SAES visited Santa at the Dragon Hill, December 3rd. The students all wanted to see Santa. The kids walked from the school so they could take fun pictures and enjoy their time. Luckily Santa scheduled a date to visit children in Yongsan. While waiting, children sang Christmas carols such as "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer." Some children chatted and others stood quietly. Mothers of the children took pictures of their own child in Christmas outfits. The people eagerly waited with their cameras hoping that Santa would come back soon. He arrived in a shiny, black motorcycle. Mrs. Claus came in a two-seated red motorcycle right behind Santa with a man driving her instead. Everyone screamed when Santa parked his motorcycle. A girl named Susan, who seemed to be a second grader exclaimed, "Santa's here, Santa's here!" A kindergartener named Dylan Turner giggled, "Hi Santa." Kids compared the motorcycle from the fire truck he rode at the tree lighting ceremony. Workers at the Dragon Hill Lodge helped hand out milk chocolate to kids they passed. Most of the people followed Santa inside the Dragon. Passing by Santa, a young girl reported to her mom in Korean, "I saw Santa up close!" A member from the AFN crew asked to interview Mrs. Strom's class. She interviewed four students in Mrs. Strom's class. She asked how the students felt about being reporters and meeting Santa. Then she wanted to know what they wanted for Christmas. After the interview the whole class snapped three times and then shouted, "Happy Holidays! Santa Rocks!" Even though Santa came to see Yongsan at the special tree lighting ceremony the day before, all of the children smiled with delight when Santa came.

Warrior Country Soldiers treat orphans to early Christmas



Santa Claus presents one of 48 children with a wrapped gift. Every child received two gifts and a book. — U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Leith Edgar

Santa came a little bit early to Warrior Country this year. In addition to colorfully wrapped gifts, Father Christmas brought two troop carriers, a tank and a HMMWV. The military vehicles and toys were for the Soldiers hosting 58 special guests.

In the spirit of the holidays, 48 orphans and leaders from the Po Wa Orphanage Center of Pocheon, participated in a Squadron Holiday Party Dec. 14 at Camp Hovey's Iron Triangle compliments of the Memorial Chapel, and the Soldiers of 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment and Company D, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion.

The event was specifically designed for the six to 16-year-old orphans. More than just a trip

to see Santa, the children also enjoyed an American meal at the Triangle Club, took in a performance by the Memorial Chapel Choir, sang holiday carols, watched a demonstration from the 2ID Tae Kwon Do Team and used military vehicles as a play-

ground.

However, Santa was the center of attention. The children crowded around the gift bearer who sat next to a traditionally decorated tree and handed out presents. After waiting patiently to be called, each child stood in front of the white-bearded man, often bowed upon receipt of the mystery inside a box before running away to tear away packaging.

Although it was the children who received the most toys, it was the Soldiers and KATUSAs

who were given the best gift, said Sgt. Shin, Joon Ho, a senior KATUSA with Troop B, 4-7 Cav.

"It seems like we gave something, but actually we're receiving from them," said Shin, who thought the experience served as a reminder of what is important to him. "I forget the importance of my Family. Through this time I realized how important my Family is to me."

The other gifts Soldiers and KATUSAs received from the children were their smiles, said Sgt.

1st Class Frank Howard, platoon sergeant, Troop B.

"The greatest thing that I saw was the smiles on these children's faces. They saw that these Soldiers were very receptive to them. That, in and of itself, was monumental, is irreplaceable and can never be changed," Howard said.

The event's primary organizer - Capt. Tony A. Hampton, squadron chaplain, 4-7 Cav. - said it wasn't just the children who were in a festive mood.

"To see the joy in the children's, Soldiers' and KATUSAs' hearts gives me the faith and hope to continue doing my job as a chaplain in the US Army. It is just a blessing. It is a feeling beyond what

anyone could ever feel or imagine: the joy we feel from helping the children," Hampton said. "This is true ministry. This is what it's all about. This is the trueness about being a good neighbor."

Despite the language hurdle the Soldiers and children were able to overcome it, thanks to the KATUSAs who interpreted for the event.

They acted as liaisons between the children and Soldiers, in one case helping a child request a Korean song from Howard, who was the event's DJ, Howard said.

"I think the best part of the day was breaking through the language barrier," he said. "It's important because our whole mission (here) is to promote togetherness: show the Korean people compassion, understanding and our sense of appreciation for their culture."

Shin said the event was equally beneficial to the children and Soldiers.

"I think it will help (the Soldiers) to understand Korean people and culture," Shin said. "(The children) can see what the US Army is doing here. Some (Korean) people hate the US Army, but they don't know exactly what they're doing here. Through this time the children can see the importance of the Soldiers here. They can see the mutual relationship between the US Army and the ROK Army."

The event, like all good things, came to an end. Yet the occasion was just one of many events between the children and Soldiers. Since their 14-month relationship began, the Soldiers visited the children to hand out toiletries, teach the center's 79 children English and share a BBQ dinner.

Hampton said the Squadron Holiday Party was just the latest in a series of quarterly \$3,000-plus projects for the children.

Not only do the Soldiers organize finance the quarterly projects, they also fund renovation projects for the center, Hampton said.

"We have adopted this orphanage and we have risen over \$11,000 this past year," he said. "We will go to the orphanage in the spring to continue our restoration project, and spend time with the children."

As the event ended, the leaders of the center presented photos of the facilities before and after renovation.

"Thank you for coming and sharing this time with us. God bless you and we will come and see you soon," Hampton said in a closing prayer. "We thank you for this day."

Rare air assault exercise for 1-2 and ROKA

By Sgt. M. Benjamin Gable
2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

USAG-HUMPHREYS — U.S. and Republic of Korea forces conducted combined air assault training across Area III for the first time in several years from Dec. 5-10.

The goal of the training was to conduct a simulated day and night air assault with integrated ROK and 2nd Infantry Division units on consecutive days.

The planning began with an air-mission briefing for the combined air-assault training at USAG-Humphreys.

Lt. Col. Matthew R. Lewis, commander of 2nd Battalion, (Assault) 2nd Aviation Regiment and Lt. Col. Jung, Hyung-goo, commander of 601st ROK Aviation, as well as elements from 4th Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade and ROK 213th Aviation, pored over planning slides on Dec. 5, concentrating on the every aspect of the exercise.

After planning the mission, U.S. and ROK pilots trained briefly on the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer, a mobile training system that allows pilots to train collectively and rehearse missions.

The day portion of the air assault training, on Dec. 9, faced bad weather. Lewis and co-pilot Capt. Tae Kim, a planning officer with the same unit, left early to fly the routes and ensure weather would not be a problem.

The 601st Aviation, 2-2's sister unit located further north, was weathered in and had to cancel its part of the mission. The 513th and all U.S. helicopters conducted



As some aircrews with 2-2 perform maintenance checks on their aircraft, (left) others return from the day portion of the two-day air assault training which integrated both U.S. and ROK air power, Dec. 10, at Camp Eagle. The mission called for U.S. and ROK Army alliance to perform both day and night air assault training in consecutive days. Even though the night portion of the exercise was canceled due to weather, the mission was a success as the two forces planned an integrated mission with varied air assets in a complex environment. Download a high-resolution version of this photo and find more online at www.flickr.com/imcomkorea. — U.S. Army photo by Sgt. M. Benjamin Gable

their training successfully and returned to their bases.

On Dec. 10 during the night phase of the mission, brutal winter weather conditions grounded the Wildcards and their sister units completely.

Even though the crawl phase of this

mission was not completed, it was still an overall success.

According to Capt. Adair Cox, a platoon leader with 2-2, "Planning and integrating such a large mission with so many moving parts and integrating our ROK allies is a success in itself."

The Wildcards and its sister ROK units will continue their efforts in air assault training. There are plans to participate in the walk phase of this exercise in the coming months, introducing more detailed tactics and using air assault qualified Soldiers within the battalion's ranks.

Humphreys Medical Clinic expands hours, looks to future

By Ken Hall
USAG-Humphreys Public Affairs

USAG-HUMPHREYS — The U.S. Army Health Clinic here has recently expanded its service hours to provide services for those who are unable to make appointments during working hours.

On Dec. 8, sick call times changed from morning to afternoon. They are now from 4:30 through 5:15 p.m. daily. Primary Care Clinic hours will be extended on Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:40 through 8 p.m. Pharmacy and laboratory service hours have also been extended Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30 to 9 p.m. and Monday and Friday from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

"During the normal Primary Care Clinic hours, we break from 1130 to 1300 for lunch, and on Thursdays, we're open from 1300 through 1600," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Slaughter, Humphreys Army Clinic noncommissioned officer in charge. Thursday's Primary Care Clinic shortened hours of service are abbreviated for sergeant's time training.

"Unfortunately, we will not have the evening clinic hours during the holiday season between December 22 and January 2," he said, but added there will still be services for sick call patients and regular clinical operations.

Maj. Beatriz Meza-Valencia, Humphreys Medical Clinic officer in charge, said that,

so far, the new sick call hours have worked out well.

"I think the new hours have worked out good for Soldiers as they are now using our appointment system more effectively to address issues they have," Meza-Valencia said. "The best way to get access to the clinic is to make an appointment, either by phone or online."

Meza-Valencia said that Soldiers who become ill should get on their work computer and make an appointment as soon as they are able to.

"Our appointment clerks first look at the appointment requests made online, and prioritize the appointments starting with active duty military first," she said. "If Soldiers make an appointment online or by phone they will probably get seen sooner than coming to sick call."

Slaughter said moving sick call hours to the afternoon enables the Humphreys Clinic to support a memorandum of agreement with Dankook University Hospital which treats members of the Humphreys community. It also provides opportunities for Humphreys Army clinic staff to visit patients on site.

"Area hospitals like Dankook receive some of our patients and our primary care providers go to those hospitals that we have memorandum of agreements with to check up on their patients and the quality of care they are receiving there," said Slaughter. "This gives us the chance to make sure the quality of care is the same here as it would be in the States."

Slaughter said the Primary Care Clinic expanded hours to provide service for those who work during the day and to give relief to those with key issues who may come in during sick call hours.

H u m p h r e y s Garrison will double its size over the next few years as new facilities are built and thousands of Soldiers and their Families come here to serve up to three-year tours. Among the new facilities will be a new hospital with a larger medical staff.

"Our facility will be a bridge to the new, larger one that is to be built in the future, but in the meantime, we will be fighting to gain more primary care providers and medical staff to meet the needs of the community," said Slaughter. "Changes are coming, we are growing and we are preempting the medical

needs of the community here and now."

The current Humphreys Medical Clinic is not staffed, supported or certified as an emergency room, has limited capability to stabilize emergencies and must transport patients to the nearest emergency room, according to 65th Medical Brigade policy and Joint Commission regulation.

"We haven't been certified as an urgent care clinic or emergency room," said Slaughter. "We don't have the full supplies and full medical staff to support an emergency room. We'll see acute issues and true-emergencies but we immediately dispatch them out to one of the hospitals we have a memorandum of agreement within the area."

The After Hours Clinic is open 24 hours a day and will see all Soldiers who need immediate medical attention for symptoms like vomiting, significant pain or other illness or injury which may threaten life, limb, hearing or eyesight.

Round-the-clock medical staff at the Humphreys Medical Clinic includes a medical officer on duty, a registered nurse, two medics and a driver.

"In the case of an emergency situation, patients will have direct access to a primary care provider – even in the middle of the night," said Slaughter.

Serious cases are referred to Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital at Yongsan Garrison or Dankook University Hospital in Cheonan.



News & Notes

Freedom Chapel Holiday Special Services
Dec. 23
7 p.m.: Hanukkah Party
Dec. 24
4 p.m.: Catholic Family Christmas Eve Mass
7 p.m.: Protestant Christmas Eve Service
8:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Dec. 25
9 a.m.: Christmas Mass
Dec. 31
7 p.m.: New Years Eve Catholic Mass
Jan. 1
9 a.m.: New Year Catholic Mass

Morning Calm Newspaper Schedule
In observance of the holiday schedule, there will be no issue of the Morning Calm Weekly published Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. We will resume normal publication Jan. 9, and publish the annual Welcome Edition Jan. 30.

Commissary Holiday Hours			
Dec. 22	Open	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	
Dec. 23	Open	11 a.m.-7 p.m.	
Dec. 24	Open	11 a.m.-7 p.m.	
Dec. 25	Closed		
Dec. 26	Closed		
Dec. 27	Open	10 a.m.-7 p.m.	
Dec. 28	Open	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	
Dec. 29	Open	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	
Dec. 30	Open	11 a.m.-7 p.m.	
Dec. 31	Open	11 a.m.-7 p.m.	
Jan. 1	Closed		
Jan. 2	Open	11 a.m.-7 p.m.	

Change in Sick Call Hours
75th Medical Company Area Support, U.S. Army Health Clinic - USAG-Humphreys announced a change in sick call hours. Effective Dec. 8, sick call hours will be 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Fridays. There will be no sick call Thursdays. In the event of an emergency, dial 119 if living off post, 911 if living on post or call the After Hours Clinic at 0505-753-8111.

Overseas Housing Allowance Survey
Your participation in this year OHA Utility Survey is critical to your family receiving equitable OHA utility allowance. All Servicemembers in Korea who reside off post and receive OHA may access the survey beginning Dec. 1. The data gathered from the survey is used to compute OHA Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowances for Service members worldwide. The survey will be available through Jan. 16 at www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/novoha.html.

Operation Santa Claus
Area III Post Offices will hold Operation Santa Claus, a second mail call held only on Christmas Eve, on Dec. 24 tentatively at 4 p.m. Mail Clerks and Postal Officers will be notified via cell phone Dec. 24 when the actual time for Operation Santa Claus has been determined. For additional information contact 1st Lt. Pelly at 753-6056.

New Humphreys Flickr Website
Want to get copies of photos of a community event? It's easy now that U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys has its own Flickr photo-sharing webpage. To view or download your own high-resolution images of community events go to: www.flickr.com/usaghumphreys. USAG-Humphreys Public Affairs Office will post images weekly so check back often. Call 754-8598 for more information.

We Want Your Stories!
We want to publish your stories and photos in The Morning Calm Weekly and on the USAG-Humphreys Command Channel. Please send any information or products to Ken Hall at the USAG-Humphreys Public Affairs Office at 754-8847 or kenneth.david.hall@korea.army.mil.

Family Team Building priority for Army

By Lori Yerdon
USAG-Humphreys Public Affairs

USAG-HUMPHREYS — The Army Family Team Building program recently celebrated its 14th birthday and USAG-Humphreys community members joined in the celebration at the Family Readiness Center, here.

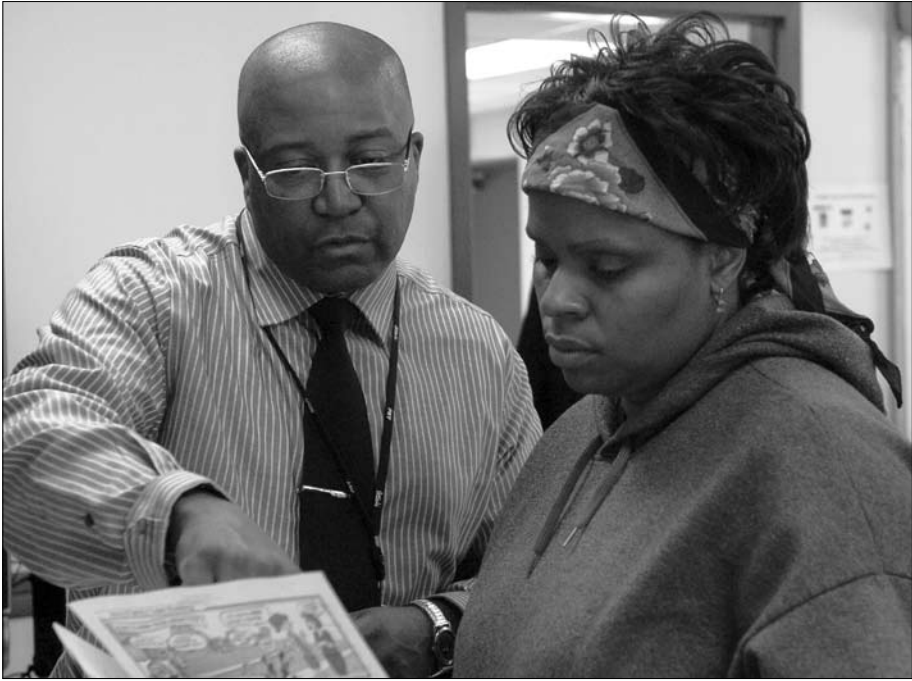
Family readiness plays an integral, supporting role in unit readiness and that is why the Army and Humphreys remain steadfast in their commitment to Army Family Team Building.

“Army Family Team Building is an Army Community Service, or ACS program that offers classes to the Army Family to help educate them on Army life,” said Dave Hartsfield, AFTB program manager for Humphreys. “The program provides students with the information, knowledge and skills they need to gain self-reliance and better utilize the community support programs provided to assist them throughout their total Army experience.”

Taught in three levels – Level I, II and III – AFTB workshops encompass a variety of topics including expectations Family Members have of the Army and the impact of the Army mission on Family life, Family Readiness Groups and deployment cycles and building cohesive teams.

In addition to taking AFTB classes in a classroom environment, individuals also have the option to take classes online.

“We currently offer classes twice each month,” said Hartsfield. “One (class) is a



Dave Hartsfield, Army Family Team Building program manager for USAG-Humphreys explains the benefits of classes to Bennetta Wilson during the recent AFTB birthday celebration held at the Family Readiness Center, here. Family readiness plays an intricate role in unit readiness and that is why the Army and Humphreys remain steadfast in their commitment to Army Family Team Building. — U.S. Army photo by Lori Yerdon

two-day full length session and (the other is) a half day. Training is also available via the NetTrainer application, through the MyArmyLifetoo - Army OneSource website at www.myarmylifetoo.com.

“Army Family Team Building training is conducted by trained AFTB volunteers and the program relies heavily on these volunteers that either provide classroom instruction or provide administrative support,” said

Hartsfield. “Volunteer opportunities are available on the MyArmyLifetoo web site volunteer portal and we are always looking for and truly need dedicated volunteers.”

Training is free for Soldiers, Family Members, Civilians and anyone interested in attending classes. Child care is free as well. For more information, contact Dave Hartsfield at 753-7439 or Humphreys Army Community Services at 753-8401.

Freedom Chapel growing in size and capacity

By Ken Hall
USAG-Humphreys Public Affairs

USAG-HUMPHREYS — There will be more room for worship at the Humphreys Freedom Chapel in early 2009 when construction is finished on the 1,500 square-foot addition to the current facility here.

The inspiration to build an addition began as an e-mail to Humphreys Garrison Chaplain (Maj.) Klon Kitchen. In it, a patron told Kitchen he and his family enjoyed attending the services but had no place to sit because the current seating capacity is for only 165 people.

“He asked me what the plan was to get more seating room,” said Kitchen. “Since we’re not going to have a new Chapel built for at least three to five years, I went to Col. Dumoulin and said that we’re unable to support the community needs.”

Kitchen said that after speaking with Dumoulin, they agreed the most economical way of meeting the needs of the community was to build an additional room to the current facility.

“The whole reason a new chapel is being built is because we don’t have enough room in the present one for people who want to come and worship,” said Kitchen. “It’s a wonderful situation to have when we have so many people coming to church.”

The addition will cost about \$300,000 and feature accordion walls that will enable the room to be divided into three separate classrooms, Kitchen said. “It will be used for



A worker from Dae Bo Construction digs out a foundation for a new, \$300,000 Freedom Chapel extension Dec. 12. The additional 1,500 square feet will provide as many as 80 additional seats for the current facility, and is scheduled for completion in late February, 2009. Find this photo and more online at www.flickr.com/imcomkorea. — U.S. Army photo by Ken Hall

classrooms, fellowship, presentations and various other uses.”

Kitchen said the only time services may experience temporary disruption will be during the Christmas holiday break when most Soldiers and their Families are in the U.S. for vacation.

“It may disrupt a weekday service when we knock out the wall to connect the breezeway to the new addition, but the benefits that we’ll all gain will be something to see,” he said.

“The biggest impact will be that we’ll have more room for comfortable worship at all of our services. Another plus will be it will give a much larger spot after worship services for fellowship activities like meals and other events.”

Scheduled for completion in late February 2009, the addition to Freedom Chapel will provide seating for an additional 80 people. Kitchen says about 150 people attend during 11 a.m. Sunday services each week, and the chapel is utilized each night to 8 p.m.

Air Defenders celebrate St. Barbara's Day



35th ADA Bde. commander Col. James H. Dickinson and Command Sgt. Maj. James T. Carr pour the first ingredient into a grog bowl during the brigade's annual St. Barbara's Day Ball at Osan Air Base, Dec. 4. — U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Gretchen N. Goodrich

By Sgt. Gretchen N. Goodrich
35th ADA Bde. Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE — Air defenders from across the Korean peninsula celebrated St. Barbara's Day at the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade annual ball here Dec. 4.

Saint Barbara is the patron saint of the Artillery for the Army as well as the Marine Corps. Air defense artillery and field artillery units around the world traditionally hold the ball every December.

Soldiers travelled from as far north as USAG-Red Cloud to as far south as Kusan Air Base to enjoy an evening of dinner, music, dancing and prizes.

Major Gen. Howard B. Bromberg, commanding general of the United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss and Maj. Gen. Kwon, Yong-ho, the Republic of Korea's Air Defense Artillery commander were honored guests at the holiday celebration.

Following opening remarks by Col. James H. Dickinson, 35th ADA Bde commander, and brigade Command Sgt. Maj. James T. Carr, the air defenders participated in the time-honored grog bowl ceremony. Elements from "sand" to root beer were added to the grog bowl in recognition of all the conflicts the Army has fought in throughout history.

After the grog ceremony, Bromberg congratulated the brigade for having outstanding Soldiers and spoke about changes taking place in the air defense branch in particular battalion movements and equipment changes.

Additionally, awards were presented to various individuals based on their achievements over the past year.

The Order of the St. Barbara, an award given to selfless individuals who display the highest standards of integrity and

moral character, was given to Soldiers from throughout the brigade.

Award recipients from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 35th ADA Bde were

Maj. Scott F. Jones, Maj. Shelia Jenkins, Capt. David L. Tervin, Capt. Gerard Kenna, Warrant Officer Carroll Q. Houck II, Master Sgt. Lisa Edwards, Master Sgt.

Shirley A. Scott, Sgt. 1st Class Annette Stokes and Mr. Jay V. So.

Award recipients from 3rd Battalion, 2nd ADA were Command Sgt. Maj. Bryan A. Pinkney, Capt. Demetrios A. Ghikas, Capt. Stephen S. Mercer, Capt. Darius Randolph, Warrant Officer Robert Blankenship, Warrant Officer Maurice Conner, Master Sgt. Reynaldo J. Curiel, Sgt. 1st Class Eric S. Clark and Traceyann L. Powell, Staff Sgt. Brooks L. Clymans, Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Earl, Staff Sgt. John C. Hodges, Staff Sgt. Eric D. Lamons and Staff Sgt. Jesse L. Stith.

Award recipients from 4th Battalion 5th Air Defense Artillery were Capt. Victor M. Anda, Capt. Gilbert C. Mendoza, Capt. Joseph O. Owweye, Capt. Eric J. Weeks, Capt. Karreem Williams, Chief Warrant Officer Timothy McDonald, Sgt. 1st Class Richard D. Burton, Sgt. 1st Class Paul Perez, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Rasmussen and Staff Sgt. Eric M. Brugman.

For their hard work and dedication to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families, the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award was presented to Angela Dickinson, Melanie A. Carr, Leslie Tervin and Melissa Houck. For all their volunteer work and support of the ADA mission, the Molly Pitcher Award was presented to Kim, Hyang suk, Oh, Hea suk, Rhoda Sowa, Monica Tolbert, Leslie Tervin, Ashley Harris and Ty Dixon.

The Molly Pitcher award recognizes women who have voluntarily contributed in a significant way to the improvement of the Air Defense Artillery Community.

In the spirit of the holiday season



USAG-HUMPHREYS — Capt. Ramon Brigantti, a project engineer with the Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys visited Gyeseong Elementary School with members of the FED and Humphreys Public Affairs Office last week to donate more than 400 English-language books, several cases of drinks and snacks to the students. While there he spent some time reading to some of the youngest students in the school. The FED and USAG-Humphreys hosted about 30 students and teachers from Gyeseong Elementary School in July for a day called "Kids in hardhats." — U.S. Army photo by Bob McElroy

Fly-away Home B-ball Shootout Jan. 1 at Super Gym

By Mike Mooney
USAG-Humphreys MWR

USAG-HUMPHREYS — Someone is going to win a round-trip airline ticket to the United States New Year's Day – even if they aren't good enough to win the annual Fly-away Home Shootout.

Patterned after promotions that find people kicking 40-yard field goals or throwing baseballs through a target for big bucks on national television, the Humphreys Fly-Away Home Shootout is a modest imitator that's lots of fun and sends a Soldier on a vacation home from U.S. Airline Alliance.

And "you" could be the big winner.

Everyone who enters the Super Gym between 12:30 and 1 p.m. New Year's Day will receive a door prize ticket. Ten of those tickets will be drawn to determine the Shootout contestants.

Coming forward in the order drawn, contestants will step to the free-throw line where they have to make one of four shots to advance.

After picking up a prize for their success, they move to the three-point line where they will get three chances to make a basket. If successful, they pick up another prize and step to half court where they get two additional chances.

"In the three years of the Shootout, we've had three people reach half court," said Sports Director Lonnie Herring. "One that professed to being a basketball player, one girl and one other very non-athletic guy who almost fainted when his three-point shot went in. The girl hit the backboard from half court, while the two guys drew nothing by air."

In the case someone makes a half-court



A contestant takes one in a series of shots during the Jan. 1, 2008 Fly-Away Home Shootout at USAG-Humphreys. The next Fly-Away Shootout takes place Jan. 1, 2009 during the annual Humphreys Holiday Basketball Tournament at the Super Gym. Everyone who enters the Super Gym between 12:30 and 1 p.m. New Year's Day will receive a door prize ticket. Ten of those tickets will be drawn to determine Shootout contestants. Selected contestants must make a series of shots from as far away as three-quarter court and could win free air fare for a vacation. Find a high-resolution version of this photo and more photos from other events at www.flickr.com/imcomkorea. — U.S. Army photo by Mike Mooney

shot, they win an Area III MWR Value Book and advance to the finals – one chance from three-quarter court. If they make that shot,

they win the airline ticket and the contest is over.

If, however, this year's Shootout is the

same as the first two, the 10 contestants will retake their seats, their tickets will be returned to the box and they will go into the final drawing – the first ticket for a Value Book and the second for the Airline Ticket home.

"No matter what, someone is going to win the ticket," Herring said. "And it can't be me."

The annual Humphreys Holiday Basketball Tournament will be going on at the Super Gym, and the Fly-away Shootout is a break from the action.

Everyone except Family & MWR employees and their Family members are eligible to participate in the Shootout and win the prizes if they're successful.

Tommy D's is sponsoring the first shot (from the free throw line), and everyone who advances will receive a two-for-one coupon for the Korean Buffet.

The Alaska Mining Company is sponsoring shot number two and will reward everyone making a three-pointer with a two-for-one coupon for lunch or dinner. AMC is also providing a Value Book for anyone successful from half-court.

"The Shootout could actually be a little easier this year," Herring said. "The Super Gym floor was painted wrong and we only have high school distances. That means the half court and three-quarter court shots will actually be from 5 and 10 feet closer."

Herring said the Super Gym floor is scheduled to be remarked Jan. 12 so it can be done in time for February's Eighth Army Basketball Championships. For more information visit humphreys.korea.army.mil/v2.2/Community/MWR.asp.

Reporting to the division level NCO Board



USAG-HUMPHREYS — Sgt. Kerwin Googdad, a multiple-launch rocket system crew member with Bravo Battery, 1-38th Field Artillery, from USAG-Casey reports to 2nd Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major Peter Burrowes during the division level NCO, KATUSA and Soldier of the Quarter Board, held at USAG-Humphreys, Dec. 12. During the board, Googdad, a native of Guam, answered questions about Army regulations, unit insignias and physical fitness components. Googdad was the first of several Soldiers and Katusas who participated in the quarterly board. — U.S. Army photo by Sgt. M. Benjamin Gable

837th Transportation Bn loads tactical equipment, vehicles at Busan's Pier 8



Marine Cargo Specialist and Army Intern, Kemmeh Condah explains the scope of operations involving Motor Vessel Green Cove and its load of vehicles, during offload operations at Busan's Pier 8, Dec. 11. Green Cove transported the vehicles from Port Hueneme, Calif., for use in the Korean theater of operations — *U.S. Army photo by Kwon, Min-seok*



A ground guard directs the offload of Medium Tactical Vehicle trucks, destined for use by the U.S. Army, from the Green Cove's hold. — *U.S. Army photo by Kim, Keun-kyo*

By Kwon, Min-seok
USAG-Daegu Public Affairs

United States Army Garrison-Daegu welcomed Motor Vessel Green Cove at Pier 8 in Busan Dec. 11. 837th Transportation Battalion and International Stevedoring Company docked the huge vessel to discharge and upload various pieces of equipment imperative to complete the U.S. Army

mission by supporting the war-fighters.

USAG-Daegu offloaded 164 pieces of various equipment from MV Green Cove, including Up-Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, several buses, flat racks and lawn mowers with parts which will be moved onward to various locations throughout the Korean peninsula. 134 pieces of retrograde equipment and two pieces of Air Force equipment were

loaded onto MV Green Cove for the return trip to depots in the U.S. to get refitted in order to return to the fight.

As a U.S. Transportation Command Surface and Deployment Distribution Command Executive Agent, the 837th Transportation Battalion serves as the single port manager for United States Forces Korea in the Korean Theater of Operations. 837th Bn personnel conduct surface deployment, distribution and water terminal port operations during peacetime and wartime in support of SDDC's global mission.

837th Transportation Battalion Executive Officer, Maj. Brian K Richie emphasized that battalion members are global surface transportation experts.

"The 837th Transportation Battalion is the single port manager for the Korean peninsula. We handle all port-operations in Korea and manage 95 percent of Department of Defense cargo coming into, as well as going out of, the Korean theater. We are committed to providing our customers with world-class port operation services," he said.

For that reason, not only do all of the organization's employees take pride in themselves, but they also ensure that every import and export operation is conducted in a safe and timely manner.

"We always make sure we're ready to support our customers by getting their equipment prepared when it's needed and

where it's supposed to be," said Marine Cargo Specialist Kemmeh Condah, 837th Transportation Bn.

"It's because if we are not ready to move the equipment, the Soldiers will not be ready to complete their own missions," Condah said, explaining the importance of the punctual performance of their duty.

All employees, ranging from government workers to security guards, are trained to be alert during vessel operations at Pier 8 at all times. They said that they consider safety as the first priority when moving the transportation equipment. "Everybody here loves what we do but human lives are very fragile, so we don't want anybody out there (to) get hurt (while doing their job). So most importantly, we always make sure everybody is safe while conducting our mission," Condah added. When it comes to transportation service, the 837th Transportation Bn puts both the safety of employees and customers and the punctuality of their operations first.

The 837th Transportation is eager to provide the best quality transportation service for many unit customers across the Korean peninsula.

"We want every organization in Korea to know we are here to support them and most importantly, the war-fighters, so just call us, and we will be there to assist you!" emphasized Cargo Distribution Section Supervisor Patricia Green.

News & Notes

Christmas Dinner

The Evergreen Club provides Christmas Dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 25. Adults pay \$15.95, kids ages 6-10, \$9.95. For more information call 764-4060.

NANTA

NANTA is a non-verbal performance of reckless rhythms that dramatize customary Korean percussion in a strikingly comedic stage show. Enjoy NANTA at Daegu Citizens Hall, 6 p.m., Dec. 28. Transportation and tickets will be provided. The bus will depart from Camp Walker's Commissary parking lot at 5 p.m. To get tickets or for more information, call 768-6907.

Softball Coaches Wanted

The USAG Daegu Sports Office is looking for a Post Level Softball Coach and Assistant Coach for the 2009 traveling Men's & Women's Softball League, which plays from May - August. Submit resumes to the USAG Daegu Sports Director. Call 764-4800.

New Year's Run

Start the year off right with a New Year's 5k Fun Run/2 Mile Walk. The event will be held at Camp Walker's Kelly Fitness Center at 9 a.m., Jan. 1. Registration will be held from 8 - 8:45 a.m. First, second and third place finishers in each category will receive an award. There are also special awards for the youngest and oldest finishers. For more information call Kelly Fitness Center at 764-4800.

Winter Holiday Storytime

Camp Walker Library is holding Winter Holiday Storytime on Monday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. The featured stories are 'The Polar Express' and 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas.' Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided, and kids will be able to design their own snowflake. The event is open to all kids of all ages. Call the Camp Walker Library at 764-4318.

Camp Carroll Worship Service

Every Tuesday there will be an 11:40 a.m. worship service at the Camp Carroll Chapel and everyone is invited. Lunch will be provided after the service. For more information, contact the Camp Carroll Chapel staff at 765-8343.

Toys for Joys

You are cordially invited to the 188th Military Police 2nd Annual Toys for Joys Ruck March. The purpose of this event is to bring joy to the children of the Dae Sung Bo Yook orphanage. All units, DOD civilians and their family members and are urged to help support this great cause. The march starts at the Camp Walker Chapel at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 23. For more information and a complete list of acceptable toys, please contact 188th Operations at 764-5408.

Operation Iron Bandit II trains, tests Bravo Company, 524th MI Bn mettle

By 2nd Lt. Rebekah Stargel
524th MI BN

Operation Iron Bandit II, an intense battle-focused training exercise, was executed Dec. 3-5 at the South Waegwan and Nakdong Training areas near Camp Carroll. For Bravo Company, 524th MI Bn, this annual exercise is a unique opportunity to train in basic Warrior Tasks and infantry battle drills. Bravo Company Military Intelligence Detachments throughout the southern peninsula consolidated their Soldiers at Camp Carroll for the exercise with the intent of increasing unit readiness and cohesion.

"My intent is to establish a comprehensive, team-building field exercise that establishes a crawl, walk, run approach to train on combat skills and battle drills," said Bravo Company Commander, Capt. Liesl Himmelberger. "The exercise ultimately tests Soldiers on basic individual and collective tasks to maximize unit readiness for Armistice and transition to war operations."

To kick off the exercise, Bravo Company hiked up historic Hill 303 near Camp Carroll. Once at the top, Staff Sgt. Nathan Haddad relayed events of the historic massacre of 40 US Soldiers that occurred during the Korean War. "It is important for the Soldiers to visit historical locations like Hill 303 so that they have an understanding of what U.S. Soldiers in our history have endured," Haddad explained. "This hike helped motivate the Company as they began the exercise and employed essential skills that will save Soldiers' lives."

The Soldiers deployed to the South Waegwan training site in a tactical convoy where they learned skills such as setting up and breaking down crew tents, Tactical Operations Center set-up and re-deployment. Bravo Company NCOs



PV2 Robert Loeffler (foreground) pulls security while his teammates evaluate a casualty during Operation Iron Bandit II. — U.S. Army photo by Capt. Liesl K. Himmelberger

prepared critical classes in basic Soldiering skills. The skills taught included evaluating a casualty, combat life-saving, performing voice communications SITREP/SPOTREPs and reacting to direct/indirect fire, ambushes and IEDs. Special Agent Kathleen McPherson appreciated that the exercise allowed for relevant leadership training. "I was able to prepare and assist Soldiers to conduct classes on essential Soldier skills, as well as observe and correct my team while they implemented the skills they have learned." Pvt. Markelo Brooks enjoyed this aspect of the exercise because Soldiers were able to have a role in the training by learning specific skills and then teaching those skills to fellow Soldiers. "I was able to assist other Soldiers and help be a trainer, as well as be trained myself."

The final phase of the exercise was a Situational Training Exercise at the Nakdong

training site where Bravo Company braved windy and snowy conditions along the Nakdong River. During the STX, the Soldiers were able to employ a culmination of their basic Soldier and infantry battle skills as they encountered ambushes, an IED and direct/indirect fire.

Since Bravo Company's detachments are split up throughout the peninsula, they do not get to interact as a company on a regular basis. Pfc. Cameron Kirkpatrick appreciated that Bravo Company was able to come together and train on these critical Soldier skills. "The exercise... built the unit's cohesion and camaraderie," he said.

Bravo Company KATUSA Cpl. Hyun Ho Lee said he greatly enjoyed this aspect of the training as well. "Operation Iron Bandit II was great for morale because it actually brought all of the 'Bandits' together for a great training experience."

Camp Carroll holds 11th annual Children's Christmas Party Dec.13



(Left) Appreciative crowds packed Camp Carroll's 2008 Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 13. (Right) Jo, Mi-kyung(left) and her son Lee, Jun-hyck take the opportunity to pose with Santa Claus during the party. — U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Lee, Dodam

By Pfc. Lee, Dodam
USAG Daegu Public Affairs

More than 1700 children and their families enjoyed the 11th Annual Camp Carroll Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 13. The festive occasion took place in Camp Carroll's Crown Jewel Gym from 1 - 5 p.m.

The event has grown from a Materiel Support Center-Korea Directorate for

Maintenance internal event to one for the entire Camp Carroll community.

Due to last year's huge success with the attendance of 1,500 people, tickets were sold prior to the event this year - and sold out quickly.

All children who attended received a gift as they arrived. There were various activities which children and their families could

participate in or enjoy, from an English speech contest to a magic show. MSC-K Commander Col. Steven W. Pate also joined the festivities to deliver opening remarks.

Deputy Director for Maintenance John W. Chizmar, one of the key organizers for the event, said he was pleased with the party's continued success and thanked who helped to make this year's gathering so much fun.



MOCKTAIL DRINK RECIPES

Double Lime Punch

½ pint (1 cup) lime sherbet, softened
2 bottles (7 oz each) ginger ale, chilled
1 can (6 oz) frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
2 cups water
In punch bowl, combine all ingredients. Serve in punch cups. Yields about 8 ½ cups.

Coffee Egg Nog

2 eggs, separated
½ cup instant coffee
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
¾ cup water
½ cup sugar
a dash of salt
2 cups milk, chilled
Shaved unsweetened chocolate in the small bowl of an electric mixer at high speed, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar until stiff peaks form. In a large bowl, beat egg yolks until lemon-colored. Gradually beat in coffee, salt, vanilla, milk and ¾ cup of water. Stir in egg white mixture and whipped cream; mix well. Serve well-chilled, with chocolate sprinkled over each serving. Yields about 12 servings.

Orange Sour

1 cup orange juice
1 envelope (9/16 oz) whiskey sour drink mixer
¾ cup apricot nectar
½ cup crushed ice
orange slices and maraschino cherries



Combine ingredients in a blender and process 15 seconds. Pour into on-the-rocks glasses over ice cubes. Garnish with orange slices and cherries. Yields two eight-ounce servings.

Spiced Cider

1 quart cider
12 whole cloves
½ cup sugar
2- 4 inch cinnamon sticks
8- whole allspice
Combine all ingredients in a two-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cool, then refrigerate covered for several hours. Strain to remove spices. Serve hot, in mugs or punch cups. Yields eight servings.

For more free party ideas call the USAG-Daegu ASAP ADCO or PC at 768-7434, commercial 053-470-7434.

Safety Corner

The USAG-Daegu Fire Department Wants to Keep You Safe and Warm This Winter

As the temperature outside drops during this holiday season, families take to the indoors to keep safe and warm. During the holiday season there are Christmas decorations, trees with presents around them, lighting on houses and we all turn up our heaters to stay warm. Along with the holidays and the cold come different fire safety issues that we all must address to stay safe.

Home is where a fire is most likely to hit, and each year, heating equipment is involved in roughly 70,000 reported home fires according to the National Fire Protection Association. The cost of these fires goes far beyond just money and property damage, with more than 600 deaths and almost 1,600 injuries on average each year. Heating equipment fires kill two people every day.

While home heating fires are quite prevalent, they are largely preventable. The USAG-Daegu Fire Department encourages everyone in the community not to let fire strike you this holiday season by observing and following these few simple fire safety tips so you can decrease the risk of a holiday fire in your home:

Fireplaces:

- Keep your screen in place at all times.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing.

Space Heaters:

- Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least three feet away from

heating equipment.

- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

Christmas Tree:

Carefully decorating Christmas trees can help make your holidays safer.

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

Candles:

- Never leave a room where candles are lit. Always blow them out!
- Never place decorations near an open flame.
- Keep candles away from decorations, curtains, bedding, paper, furniture and other combustible materials.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

AREA IV

THE MORNING CALM

This week's USAG-Daegu job profile: HHC, USAG-Daegu Senior KATUSA



Sgt. Ki, Ho-keun
HHC, USAG-Daegu Senior KATUSA

How do you help USAG-Daegu to accomplish its mission?

My primary work can be divided up into six parts. First, I work for KATUSA Soldiers' welfare and counsel them. Second, I'm the only person that is authorized to use the KATUSA Welfare Fund. I use this fund for KATUSA Soldiers and try to use it fairly. Third, I take charge of KATUSA Soldiers' education and training such as KATUSA Mental Training, English Language Training, the KATUSA Newcomer's Briefing and Retirement Education. Fourth, I advise KATUSA Soldiers about Troops

Information and Education. Fifth, I help the Commander and ROKA Staff officer as a liaison between the two armies. Lastly, and the most important part of my job, is making efforts to protect KATUSA Soldiers' rights and interests.

What qualities does your job require?

There isn't any complicated requirement to be a Senior KATUSA but not everyone can become a Senior KATUSA. What you need is an open personality, English ability that is not fluent but has no difficulties in communicating, and motivation.

What do you like most about your job?

I like that I work for KATUSA Soldiers and perform the part of mediator between the U.S. and ROK armies. I'm an assistant and a spokesperson. I will do my best with confidence that I'm representing KATUSA Soldiers as well as possible.

What is the one thing that most people don't know about your job?

There is always pressure on me to do the right thing no matter what the task is, because I have to set an example for all other KATUSA Soldiers. But I continuously work hard because it is all worth it in the end.

AREA IV Job Opportunities

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER APF US CITIZEN POSITIONS

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER	VACANCY
KOEZ08899148R	Range Operations Specialist
KOEZ081950038	Supervisory Public Affairs Specialist
KOEZ08123952A	Supv IT Specialist(PLCYPLN)
KOEZ0806372R	Supv Logistics Management Specialist
KOEZ08149199	General Engineer
KOEZ08169508	General Engineer
KOEZ08783038R-1	Marine Cargo Specialist

GRADE	LOCATION	CLOSE DATE
GS-11	TSAC, Cp. Carroll	Dec. 24
YC-2	USAG-Daegu	Dec. 31
YC-2	169 Sig Co, Cp. Walker	Dec. 31
YC-3	19 SC(E)	Jan. 2
GS-12	DPW, Cp. Henry	Jan. 4
GS-12	DPW, Cp. Carroll	Jan. 4
GS-9	837th Trans Bn, Busan	Feb. 21

NAF US CITIZEN POSITIONS

KRNAFEZ08-K4-R2	CYS Functional Technology Spec	NF-4	USAG-Daegu, Cp. Walker	Dec. 22
KENAFEZ080027WW-R2	Financial Management Officer	NF-5	USAG-Daegu, Cp. Henry	Dec. 24

APF KN & 3RD COUNTRY FAMILY MEMBERS

SA-09-0165T	Wood Worker	KWB-4	168 Med Bn, Cp. Carroll	Dec. 26
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NAF KN & 3RD COUNTRY FAMILY MEMBERS

SA-09-0052T	Waiter/Waitress	KWB-2	Henry's Place, Cp. Henry	Dec. 24
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For more information, contact Employment Readiness Program Manager, Steven Wegley at 768-7951

험프리스 정보부대원들, 한미 연합훈련 참가

찰스 해리스
3정보대대

험프리스기지, 대한민국 - 3정보대대 알파중대 소속 병사들은 최근에 미 해군 병사들과 함께 한국 해군과 해병대원들에게 합동 군사작전을 하는 새로운 방식을 보여주었다.

알파중대 소속 항공정찰 지원팀은 한국 해군 강습상륙함 독도함에 탑승하여 저공비행 정찰기(ARL)에서 보내온 실시간 비디오를 함상에서 전송 받을 수 있도록 지원했다.

“우리는 그들의 눈이 되어 그들의 적들을 정말 빨리 찾을 수 있었다”고 알파중대 소대장 폴 리 중위가 말했다. 리 중위는 최근 일곱명의 험프리스 소속 병사들을 이끌고 포항 해변에서 정보 수집 훈련을 했었다.

알파중대는 전진배치 가능한 정보 분석가들로 이루어진 중대로서 정보수집, 정찰, 그리고 정찰기 운용 등의 임무를 행할 수 있다.

“훈련은 정말 성공적이었다”고 리 중위가 말했다. “본 훈련은 육상과 해상에서의 지원에 관한 것이었는데 모두가 맡은 일을 잘 수행했다. 한국군이 우리에게 다시 한 번 훈련을 같이 하자고 했는데 시간에 된다면 다시 하도록 할 생각이다.”

저공비행 정찰기의 실시간 비디오 전송 기능은 해변 작전 지역에서의 위험 탐지나 상륙지점 관찰 등의 정찰에 유용하게 쓰일 수 있다.

본 기능 덕분에 이번 훈련에 참가한 부대들이



포항에서 최근 실시된 합동 훈련 중 3정보대대 소속 폴 리 중위와 찰스 해리스 하사가 저공비행 정찰기 시스템을 한미 해군, 해병과 함께 관찰하고 있다. - 사진제공: 3정보대대

필요한 전장 정보 수집과 주변 상황 파악 능력을 얻을 수 있었다.

“저공비행 정찰기에서 제공한 영상 정보 때문에 우리는 모든 임무에 자신감과 확신을 가지고 임할

수 있었다”고 한국군 해병대 본부 소속 두류구 중령이 말했다.

미 해군과 해병은 매년 합동 수륙 양면 작전 훈련을 한국 해군과 해병과 함께 실시한다.

주한미군에서 40년간 근속한 한국인 군무원



35방공포대 소속 셸리 스캇 상사와 에슬리 베이커 병장이 12월 1일 CPAC에서 험프리스 인적자원 전문가 손선씨에게 도움을 받고 있다. - 사진 제공: 켄 홀

켄 홀
험프리스기지 사령부 공보실

험프리스기지, 대한민국 - 12월 1일은 험프리스

에서 근무하는 한 군무원에게 40년 장기 근속 달성이라는 아주 중요한 날이었고 그는 또한 5년간 계약을 연장해 근무하게 되었다.

손씨는 1968년에 자신의 고향 인천에서 미 공군

군무원으로 근무를 시작했다. 그 후 그는 용산과 대구 미 육군기지에서 근무하다가 1978년 험프리스로 옮긴 이후로 계속 여기에서 근무하고 있다.

“현재 험프리스 수비대 인사처에서 근무하고 있고 예전에는 정보나 고용관련 부서에서도 근무했었다”고 손씨가 말했다.

슬하에 3녀를 둔 손씨는 1978년 처음 험프리스에 도착했을때보다 많은 사람들과 시설들이 들어섰고 해마다 좋아지고 있다고 말한다.

“여기서 조금만 일하다 보면 누구나 계속 머물고 싶어한다. 미국인 가족들이 여기서 떠나는 것을 돕다 보면 다들 여기서 더 있고 싶다고들 한다.”

CPAC 국장 톰 벌비힐이 손씨에 대해 말하길 그는 한국에서 미군의 임무를 지원하는 많은 군무원들의 표본이라고 했다.

“그는 항상 고객을 먼저 생각하고 모든 사람들을 존중하며 신속하게 일을 처리한다. 손씨가 우리 부서에서 근무하는 것을 자랑스럽게 생각한다.”

장기간 근무한 한국인 군무원들은 손씨 말고도 또 있다. 인사처 강봉예씨 또한 38년간 군무원으로 근속했고 험프리스에서는 5년간 있었다.

“험프리스에서의 30년은 최고였다. 계속 근무하며 최대한 도움이 되도록 하겠다”고 그가 말했다.

번역: 일병 김형준

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